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## RUSSIAN SUBMARINE SHELLS NAZI SHIP

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finnish coast was to be blockaded by the Russians as from noon yesterday and foreign ships have been given until noon to-day to leave Finnish waters, after which "these waters will be dangerous to shipping."

Although the blockade does not officially come into force until to-day, however, the German steamer Oliver was attacked by a Russian submarine near the Aaland Islands on Tuesday; it is now learned.

The submarine fired three shots, hitting her in the bow, after which Soviet sailors boarded the ship to examine her papers. — Reuter.

## POCKET BATTLESHIP STEALS INTO HOME PORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.

The "National Tidende" reports that the German pocket-battleship Deutschland has arrived at a German port.

The Deutschland has been at large for some time past, and sank the P. and O. liner, Rawalpindi. — Havas.

## FAREWELL TO FINNISH LEGATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

The diplomatic representatives of Japan, Turkey, Britain, France, Norway, Belgium, the United States and Sweden bade farewell at the railway station to the Finnish Legation staff.

The representatives of the Baltic and Balkan States were absent. — Havas.

## RED ARMY IN BAD SHAPE

London, To-day.

The Italian wireless states that the condition of the Soviet Army appears to be bad as the result of disorder and insufficient supplies.

It adds that 1,500 Red troops surrendered to the Finns as they had had no food for three days. Food supplies are chaotic. — Reuter.



Lord Nuffield, who this week made a gift of £1,250,000 to British hospitals, has taken a post at the Air Ministry. He has taken over complete control of the Repairs and Maintenance Section of the R.A.F. Above he is seen discussing his duties, which he took over on November 23, with Sir Kingsley Wood.

## FINLAND FIGHTS MAGNIFICENT DEFENSIVE ACTION

Helsinki, To-day.

THE RUSSIAN DECISION to blockade the coasts of Finland, it is believed, may be the prelude to an attempt to land troops near Viipuri with the object of taking the Mannerheim Line in the rear.

The blockade is taken lightly in Helsinki. There is no doubt the normal boat service between Aabo and Stockholm will have to be suspended, but Finland expects to remain in general control of the Bothnian Gulf.

The Russians attacking in the Karelian Isthmus have at several points approached the first of the four main lines of the Mannerheim defence system.

Soviet pressure yesterday was strongest in the northern sector of the Isthmus, along the River Vuoksi. Fighting in this area mostly consists of skirmishes between patrols.

With superior numbers, the Russian advance is inevitable, but the Finnish Staff say that the withdrawal of their men has been slower than they dared hope.

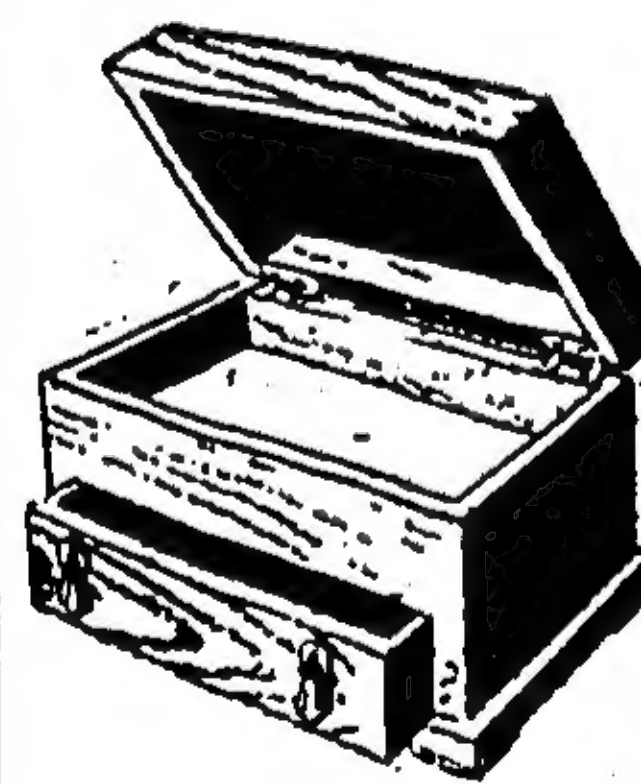
The Red Army is faced with many handicaps as they push through the countryside of trackless pine forests intersected by frozen streams and dotted with small lakes.

### NATURAL TANK TRAPS

The country is totally devoid of landmarks and is buried in snow. Deep drifts and huge boulders make natural tank-traps.

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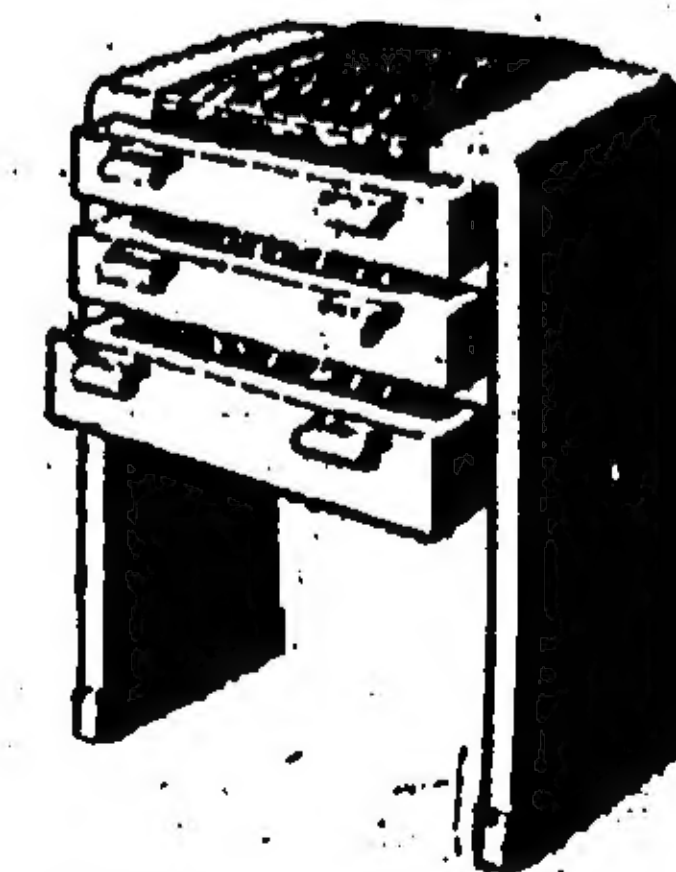
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London, November 18.  
Aberdovey, the North Wales town which was the first reception area in Britain to provide communal meals, is credited with giving a lead to the Government.

Meals at Aberdovey cost only 2½d. When Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education, announced in Parliament that the Government are to pay the overhead charges for communal meals for evacuees in reception areas he asserted that a really good hot dinner could be produced from 2½d. to 4d.

His figures are believed to be based on the Aberdovey scheme.

**HOW IT IS DONE**

Many people have inquired what the Aberdovey centre can give for 2½d. Yesterday Miss Allday, canteen supervisor, gave the News Chronicle the menus for the past week.

Here they are:

Friday (Nov. 10): Corned beef, mashed carrots, potatoes, boiled ginger pudding, custard.

Saturday: Minced meat, lentils, onions, potatoes, chocolate shape.

Sunday: Cold roast beef, pickled cabbage, potatoes, fruit salad, custard.

Monday: Stewed rabbit, carrots, onions, potatoes, boiled jam pudding, custard.

Tuesday: Herrings, potatoes, stewed apples and rice pudding.

Wednesday: Sausage and mash, date and treacle pudding.

Thursday: Mince, meat, carrots, onions, potatoes, cornflour pudding and jam.

Yesterday: Vegetable stew, apple tart, custard.

**COST DEDUCTED**

A circular on the subject of communal meals will be issued early next week by the Board of Education.

Overhead charges will be met by the Government. By cooking in such quantities it is officially announced, a good meal can be supplied for between 2½d. to 4d.

Where necessary, the cost of meals so provided will be deducted from the money paid to householders.

A redistribution of billeting is also suggested by the Minister.

Householders who accepted the burden of billeting "may not unreasonably hope to be relieved of it, at least temporarily", he points out.

The suggestion is that to afford each householder a period of relaxation, an arrangement might be made with a neighbour to take over one or more children month by month in turn.

Without attempting to forecast the time when it will be safe for those evacuated to return, adds the circular, the Government consider that the plans of local authorities should be based on the assumption that evacuees should remain in the receiving areas during the approaching winter.

**BROTHER OF  
NANCY  
CARROLL**

The management of the Gloucester Hotel announce that they have engaged for a short season the famous dance team "Duo Passianos," Conchita and Billy Carroll, for such are the individual names of the "Duo Passianos" who will make their first appearance to-night.

They will offer something entirely new in the way of floor shows. Their dances are unique and spectacular and the costuming magnificent. Their presentations are of the highest order and are really works of art that require dramatic ability and character study. Among their many dance creations they will present a dance inspired by the famous Bulgarian legend "Count Dracula" (King of Vampires) and "Marie Walewska" a mighty dancing drama of love and emotion, these are considered the last word in originality and spectacle.

Carroll, who is said to be a brother of Nancy Carroll, gives a clever impersonation of Charles Boyer and the resemblance he bears in this character to the famous film star is remarkable.

"The Duo Passianos" come direct from India where they played in Colombo, Bombay and Calcutta.

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## BRITISH PRESS COMMENT

# GERMANY STINGING HERSELF TO DEATH?

London, To-day.

ON THE WHOLE, THE British Press yesterday concerned itself mainly with economic problems and steps which the Government is likely to take to co-ordinate economic measures.

Both the "Daily Telegraph" and "The Times," however, had a diverting variety of interests.

"The Times" says that the Finnish campaign has shown an interesting principle in modern warfare. While Helsinki suffers, or expects to suffer, from the horrors of aerial bombardment, the war in the north has developed into one of reindeer transport and ski battles.

The country has no rail communications, and while Generals Janvier and Fevrier have played an important part in Russian history, they are quite capable of turning against the country which they have always served.

## ODD CASE

Commenting on Mr. Churchill's statement that the Nazi Navy is running amok among neutral shipping, the "Daily Telegraph" stresses the odd case of the Greek steamer sunk on Wednesday; she was carrying German coal from Antwerp to Greece.

The Nazi policy, says the "Daily Telegraph," would seem to be imitating that venomous creature which, when irritated, stings itself to death!

The "Daily Herald" praises the Small Man of Britain, who has already contributed £21,000,000 to the Government. Who would have thought it? The paper asks for assurances that the Small Man will not be forced to spend his savings at the end of the war if he is unemployed.

## A.R.P. MESMERISTS?

The "Yorkshire Post" waxes facetious about the decision of the Leeds City Council to start lessons in psychology Air Raid Wardens.

The paper says that one way of dealing with hysterical people is to reduce them to temporary insensibility, and asks if Air Raid Wardens

are to take such cases into a quiet corner and psycho-analyse them on the spot!

The paper concludes by remarking that civilians fighting for themselves will be among the best fighters if German bombers place them in the front line.—Reuter.

# R.A.F. N.Z. SQUADRON

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that the formation of a New Zealand squadron of the R.A.F. is now being considered. A number of New Zealand officers and men and Wellington bombers were placed at the disposal of the British Government when war was declared.

Australian and Canadian squadrons have already been formed.—Reuter.

# TIN QUOTA FIXED AT 120 P.C.

London, To-day.

An International Tin Committee communique announces that the quota for the first quarter of 1940 has been fixed at 120 per cent. of standard tonnage.—Reuter.

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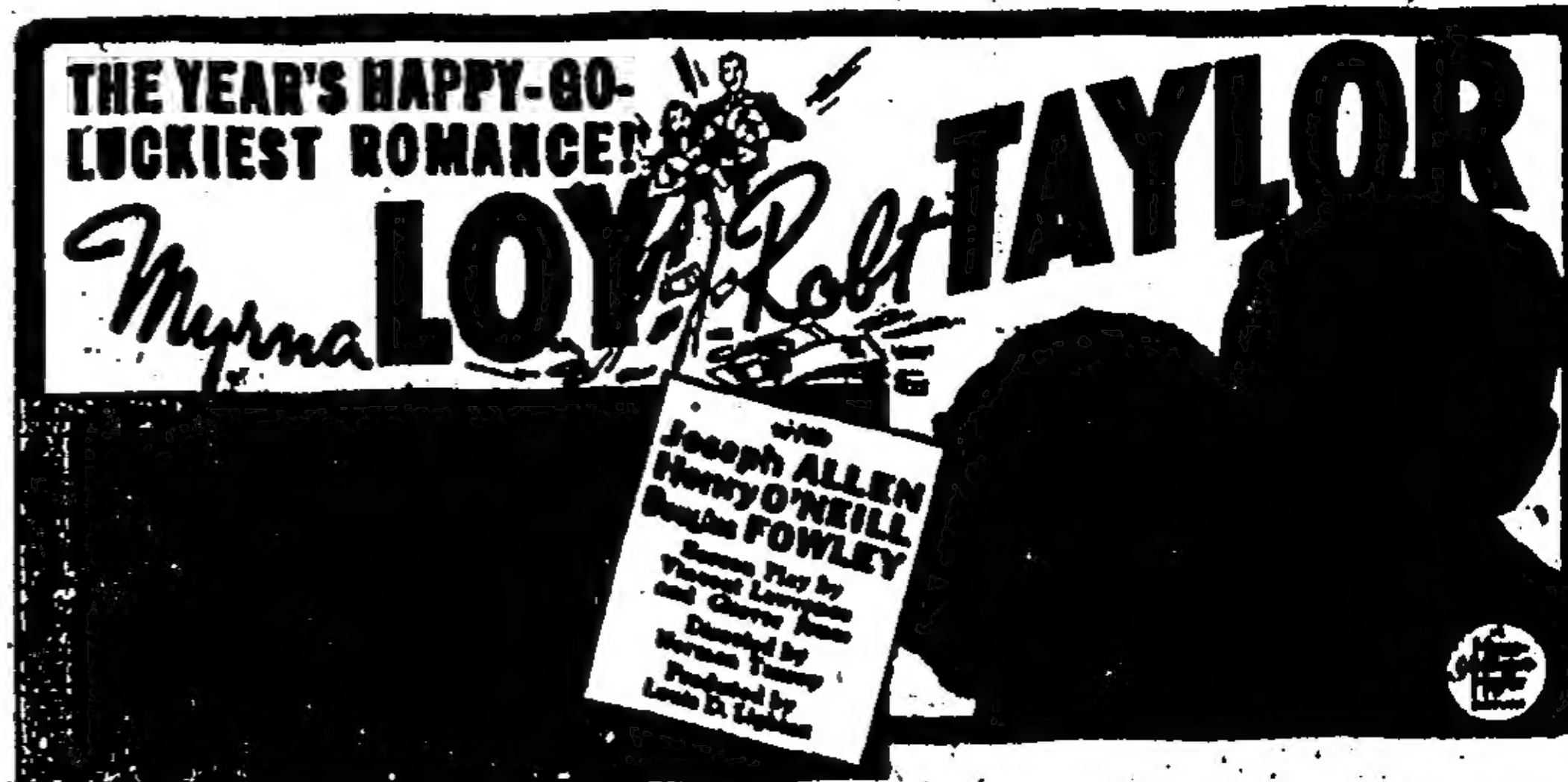
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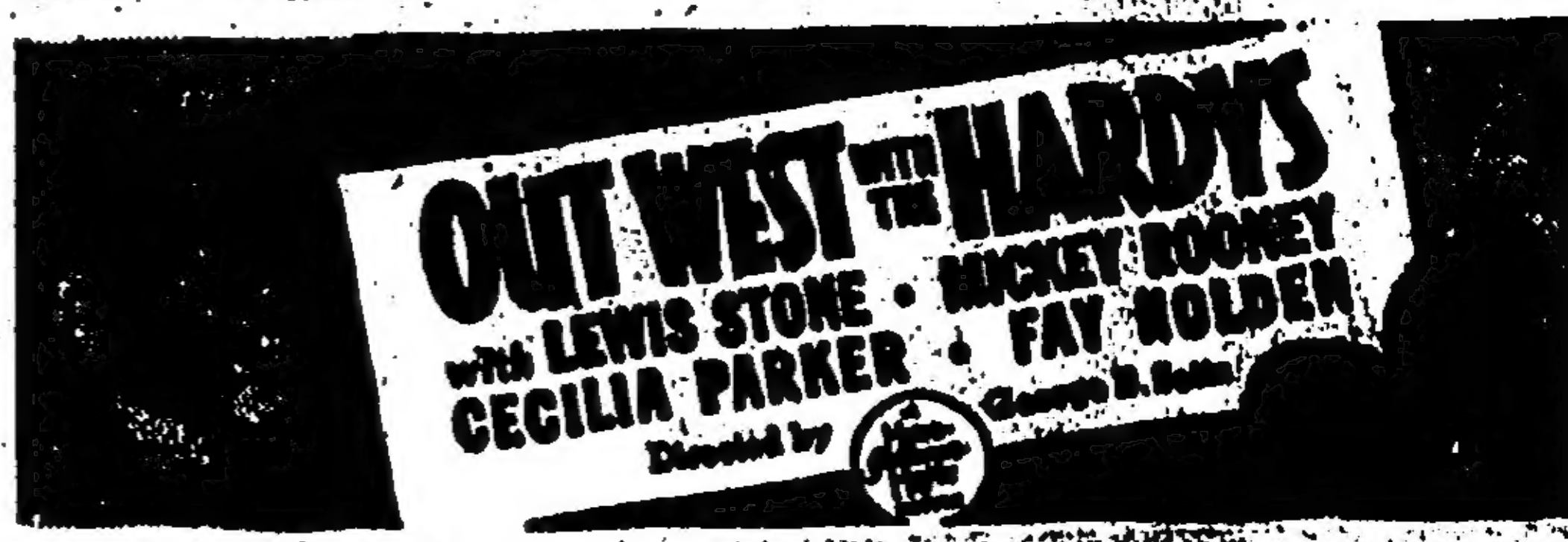
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# FRANCE READY TO ANSWER FINLAND'S APPEAL FOR JUSTICE: AID PROMISED

Paris, To-day.

**SPEAKING IN THE Chamber of Deputies yesterday, M. Daladier, the French Premier, said that France was going to Geneva to answer Finland's appeal for justice and would denounce Russia's aggression.**

He hoped that even in enemy countries there were men who would protest within themselves against the crime to which Finland had been subjected.

Nations were big by virtue of their men and their civilization, not by virtue of their numbers and the size of their territory.

For the first time since September, there had been an awakening of the universal conscience. This is, perhaps, Finland's greatest service to humanity.

In the name of the Government of France, backed by the people of France, he sent their warmest greetings to Finland and promised them France's aid and support.—Reuter.

## BRITISH DELEGATION TO STOP IN PARIS

London, To-day.

Mr. R. A. Butler and other members of the British delegation to Geneva left London by air yesterday. They are breaking their journey at Paris, but are expected to reach Geneva early to-day.—Reuter.

## OSLO POWERS TO ACT THROUGH LEAGUE

Oslo, To-day.

The Foreign Ministers of Denmark, Norway and Sweden, who are meeting here, have issued a statement saying that they will try to bring about negotiations between Soviet Russia and Finland. They indicated that they would do this through the League of Nations when it meets this week-end to consider Finland's appeal.—Reuter.

## GERMANY PLANNING FOR SPRING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Most reliable information reaching military circles here states that the German High Command has decided that the German war industry must intensify building of the most modern and special war equipment throughout the winter, especially in the Ruhr, Silesia and Bohemia factories.

Construction of larger guns will particularly be intensified.

German efforts are aimed at the creation of a powerful artillery in some specialised army corps.

It is believed the Germans are banking on huge tanks armed with a six-inch gun.

It is learned, too, that the Skoda works will be amalgamated with the Krupp interests.

It will be recalled in this connection that the Maginot Line had been considerably extended and fortified recently, with the view to coping with the new German armament programme.—Havas.

## AUSTRALIA ADOPTS NO COMPROMISE POLICY

Canberra, To-day.

The frontiers of Australia are the Rhine and the East Coast of Britain, said Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, in a broadcast yesterday. Britain was fighting Australia's battles as well as her own.

Australia could never consent to be neutral in an honourable and unavoidable British war. Australian soldiers would again be seen in Europe, giving the lie to German lies that a fatal disease had overtaken British unity during the last 20 years.

There would be no peace in Europe except on the basis of international friendship for Germany as well as ourselves. At present, however, there were no signs of a change of heart in Germany and there could be no compromise with the "powers of darkness, lies and of oppression."

When the German propagandists realised the views of the civilized world outside, the war would be conducted with a ferocity, completeness and ruthlessness that one could not imagine.—Reuter.

## C.P.R. LINER STANDS BY SHIP IN DISTRESS

THE C.P.R. LINER, WHICH ARRIVED IN HONG KONG YESTERDAY RESPONDED DURING THE VOYAGE ACROSS THE PACIFIC TO THE DISTRESS CALL OF AN AMERICAN STEAMER.

She left her course and proceeded to the rescue of the American steamer, Peter Kerr, which was sending out S.O.S. calls.

She found Peter Kerr sinking, heaved to. The No. 1 hold was full of water and the pumps were unable to keep the water down.

### FIRST ON SCENE

The C.P.R. liner stood by for 15 hours until the arrival of another American liner, the Michigan.

When the Michigan and a salvage tug reached the distressed ship, the Empress continued her voyage to Japan.

The Peter Kerr which carried a cargo of machinery eventually made port with assistance.

## POLISH GUERRILLAS ACTIVE

Paris, To-day.

Reports from Poland state that well-armed bands, under energetic leadership, are continuing to resist the German troops, especially in the Carpathians and Upper Vistula areas. The activity of these bands has made it necessary for the Nazis to bring several divisions from Slovakia.—Reuter.

## SOVIET BLOCKADE

Oslo, To-day.

The Soviet has delivered a communication to the Norwegian Admiralty announcing that the Gulf of Finland and the Gulf of Bothnia will be blockaded by Russia from noon.—Reuter.

## SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL

Lisbon, To-day.

Colonel Reitz, South African Minister for Native Affairs, yesterday called on M. Salazar, the Portuguese Premier.

Colonel Reitz is reported to have said on his arrival on Thursday that South Africa will immediately fight with Portugal if that country's colonies are attacked.

Portugal and South Africa, he said, have a great common frontier, and friendly relations between them are growing stronger every day.

Colonel Reitz is to discuss matters of common interest with the Portuguese Minister for Colonies.—Reuter.

## NAZI PLANE DOWNED

Berlin, To-day.

A German communique admits that one German plane which was attacked by British fighters in the Firth of Forth on Thursday made a forced landing on the sea "owing to engine trouble."

The communique adds the crew left the plane in a rubber boat.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

Germany yesterday admitted that one German plane had been forced down in the sea near the Firth of Forth on Thursday after it had been attacked by R.A.F. fighters.

This German loss, however, has not been claimed by the Air Ministry, although a British pilot reports seeing the plane fall, as the Ministry is not going to make claims which cannot be fully substantiated.

The Air Ministry communique only said:—"One enemy plane was seen to be hit."—Reuter.

## URUGUAY WITHDRAWS FROM L.O.N.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Montevideo, To-day.

The Uruguayan Senate has unanimously approved Uruguay's withdrawal from the League of Nations.

At the same time the Senate passed a motion paying tribute to Finland's heroic resistance against the Soviets.—Havas.

## PRINCESSES PLAN CHRISTMAS GIFTS

London, To-day.

Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret have expressed a wish to send presents to evacuated French children. The presents will be sent to Mme. Lebrun, who is organising a Christmas fund on behalf of the evacuees.—Reuter.

His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Mr. William Ngatse Thomas Tam to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, in succession to Mr. Chan Chun-nin, C.B.E., with effect from 3rd December, 1939.

## OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



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# U.S. NOTE TO BRITAIN

*Stringent, Or Mild, According To Viewpoint*

## CANNOT VIEW TWO WAY BLOCKADE WITH EQUANIMITY

Washington, To-day.

**THE TEXT OF THE United States Note to Britain** was published last night and follows the lines forecast in reserving the rights of the United States under international law in connection with the British two-way blockade of Germany.

The Note declares that the maintenance of the integrity of international law cannot be too strongly emphasised at a time when the tendency towards disrespect of such law is threatening the security of peace-loving nations.

The British order, if applied literally, would subject to diversion to British ports American ships found carrying goods of German origin and ownership, regardless of the place of lading or destination and regardless of the ownership of the goods at the time the vessel is intercepted.

The Note draws attention to the combat area under the Neutrality Act prohibiting United States ships from engaging in commerce within certain limits.

It adds that consequently the justification for interfering with American vessels on the grounds of a breach of the blockade can hardly arise.

### LEGITIMATE ACTIVITIES

A measure directed by one belligerent against another may not rightfully be carried to the point of enlarging the rights of belligerent over neutral vessels or otherwise paralysing the legitimate activities of neutral States.

The United States cannot view with equanimity the measures

contemplated by the Order-in-Council, which, if applied, cannot fail to add to the many inconveniences and damages to which international trade is already subjected.

### ISOLATIONIST SCRUTINY

The Note is considered in diplomatic circles here as about the mildest that could be issued in view of the political situation of the United States and the lynxlike scrutiny the isolationists are giving any move by the Administration.

At the same time the Administration could hardly have made the Note more stringent since it has not protested to Germany regarding mine-sowing or the detention of her ships. —Reuter.

It is notified that during the absence from the Colony of Mr. Katsuo Okazaki, Consul-General for Japan at Hong Kong, Mr. Takio Oda will be in charge of the Japanese Consulate-General.

## INCREASED PAY ON THE RAILWAYS

London, To-day.

Railwaymen are to be given an immediate rise in pay. There will be a general minimum of 50/- for traffic grades throughout the country.

The extra cost to the four main line companies will be about £1,000,000 a year.

Municipal bus and tram men will also get a rise of 4/- a week. —Reuter.

## BAN ON 'BIRTH OF A BABY' FILM

"The Birth of a Baby," which is one of the most remarkable and frankest films that ever came out of America as well as a cameo of young married life, will not be seen in London by the ordinary film-goer.

This is the result of a decision of the L.C.C. not to be exhibited except when shown for educational purposes only.

More than three years ago the idea for the film first occurred to the 15-year-old American Committee on Maternal Welfare, representing 20 of the Nation's leading medical and child welfare organisations. The Committee, whose primary purpose is to reduce the excessive maternal mortality rate in the U. S., decided that ignorance of the problems of motherhood and childbirth was its main obstacle.

### DOMESTIC DRAMA

It had the idea of getting its message over to the public by means of a film, and proceeded to make this frank record of motherhood, pre-natal care, and childbirth.

But the film became more than an exact medical record: a young mother-to-be and her husband played the simple domestic drama of their lives together before the brilliant light of the film camera, and this was incorporated in the picture.

The small worries that beset their lives, as they do the lives of every young couple and how they must be avoided, all the problems of everyday existence and their bearing on the new young life were shown.

Said Miss Katharine Lenroot, chief of the Children's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labour: "In my opinion the film may well be seen by children of adolescent age. Of course, parents should see it."

Dr. Bernard Homa, a member of the L.C.C. Entertainments Committee, told me yesterday that the Committee had decided to approve the film for educational purposes, but thought that if it were generally released members of the public might be attracted to it from undesirable motives.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased, under section 9 of the regulations of the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force, to make the following appointments in the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force:—

To be Acting Sub-Lieutenants.—James Thomas Brown, with effect from 26th October, 1939; Arthur St. George Walton, Ralph Richard Thomas Smith, Robert Rutherford.

## DEFENCE COSTS TO COLONY

The Colony's September financial statement reveals that while receipts continue to exceed those in the comparable periods of last year, expenditure has risen sharply, as the result principally of defence measures.

Revenue in the month totalled \$2,695,294 as compared with \$2,496,197 in September last year. Duties at \$915,696 for the month brought in a large proportion of the increase. Duties in the first nine months of the year realised \$7,766,694 against an estimate for the whole year of \$8,370,000.

K.C.R. receipts were down from \$235,000 in September last year to \$49,000, but this drop was compensated for by substantial increases in receipts from licences, fees of court, and Post Office.

On the expenditure side, charitable services accounted for \$149,722 as against \$36,242 in September last year, H.K.V.D.C. for \$247,730 against \$18,651 last year, and A.R.P. for \$84,516 against \$2,049 last year.

The Colony's surplus balance is reduced to \$15,986,508.

## TURKISH ANTI-NAZI CAMPAIGN

Ankara, To-day.

The Turkish press is indignant at the activities of Nazi propagandists in Turkey.

One leading paper announces a campaign to unmask Nazi propaganda organizations. It says it will disclose full details of how Nazi propaganda is working.

Another paper urges the Government to do something about "the world's most poisonous weapon, Nazi propaganda." —Reuter.

## THE KING'S THOROUGH INSPECTION

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE KING'S VISIT TO HIS ARMY, DURING WHICH HE MOVED ABOUT AMONG HIS SOLDIERS HAS DONE A GREAT DEAL TO MAKE THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE TAKE A PROPER PRIDE IN ITS ACHIEVEMENT, CABLES REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT WITH THE B.E.F.

His Majesty's thoroughness made a deep impression upon the troops, who appreciated the little extra excursions that seemed good to him in the course of his investigations.

His Majesty, by the highly technical questions he asked, revealed that he has considerable knowledge of modern tactics and equipment. —Reuter.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased, under instructions from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to appoint Mr. Henry Robert Butters to act as Financial Secretary, with effect from the 6th December, 1939. Mr. Butters is also to be a Director of the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions, vice Mr. Sydney Calne.



"The Oklahoma Kid" himself. Who better than James Cagney could play the part of a two-fisted, two-gun triggerman of the early West, whose deeds, good and bad, have been stirringly recorded on film? "The Oklahoma Kid," a Warner Bros. production, opens at the King's Theatre to-day.

# Nazi Government Puzzles Over Queerest "Mystery"

## HOMILY TO NEUTRALS

### CANNOT UNDERSTAND LACK OF WORLD SYMPATHY!

London, To-day. THE NAZI GOVERNMENT, through the official news agency, has issued a long homily to neutral states, in which it complains of the lack of sympathy for Germany. The neutral states, says the commentary, have always been faithful supporters of the League of Nations, yet show a lack of enthusiasm for National Socialism.

Since the outbreak of war, the statement goes on, the neutral states have displayed anything but a benevolent attitude to German interests.

"Scandinavian journalists and politicians have assisted the British warmongers in forcing the war on the German people!" announces the statement.

Coupled with this is a denial that the German Government is responsible for the Soviet invasion of Finland.

#### "MOSCOW MIGHT"

At the same time, an article appears in the "Frankfurter Zeitung" which admits that when the Nazi Government entered into its agreement with the Soviet Union it realised that Moscow might "take the opportunity to achieve her national aims."

There was not, however, says the paper, any special understanding about how far the Russian aims might go.—Reuter.

### WILL TO KILL LOVE

Mrs. Florence Williams, of Priory Way, North Harrow, learned that her schoolteacher daughter, Joan Greenfield Williams, had a German boy friend.

Fearing the couple would fall in love and marry she made a will leaving everything she possessed to Joan on condition that she did not marry a German.

Joan's father, Mr. George Alfred Williams said "My wife's will has no doubt upset Joan very much. She is working at Tonbridge. The international situation last September worried my wife just before her death."

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"She was found of her daughter, but when she heard that she was keeping company with a German boy she made a will to try to finish the romance."

Mrs. Williams left £523. She left everything she possesses to her daughter.

"But the £150 invested in the house goes to Frank my son," she stated.

"It is my wish that if my daughter, Joan G. Williams, marries a German, she takes only the interest on anything I leave until she is fifty."

### FIRE ALARM

RECEIVING AN ALARM OF A FIRE, STATED TO BE AT NO. 80, CHEUNGSHAWAN ROAD, KOWLOON, TWO FIRE ENGINES AND THE EMERGENCY POLICE UNIT SPEEDED TO THE AREA AT 9 A.M. TO-DAY. ONLY TO FIND THAT THERE WAS NO OUTBREAK.

The police investigated and discovered that a small fire had occurred in one of the cubicles on the first floor of No. 88.

The inmates managed to put it out before the arrival of the fire engines.

### TAJANDOEN EXPLOSION CAUSE NOT ESTABLISHED

London, To-day.

The captain of the Dutch steamer Tajandoen, interviewed by Reuter, said the explosion occurred in darkness and he did not know whether it was a mine or torpedo.—Reuter.

### TOMMIES GO FROG RACING

The B.E.F. has invented a new game—the frog-in-the-barrow race—according to Major-General the Duke of Gloucester.

"The soldiers take wheelbarrows, put live frogs in them, and start to race," said the Duke to war correspondents he met accidentally yesterday in a roadside cafe near the front line on the Western Front.

"Each time the frog jumps out you have to halt and catch the frog and put it back before going on," he went on.

"There was some heavy betting on this race. The soldiers also borrowed French farm dogs and had dog-racing."

The Duke was told that the chief sport among American correspondents was crap-shooting. He then asked for instruction.

Knowing that the Duke is a collector of limericks, the correspondent asked him if he had heard any new ones recently. He recited one now going round the Army:—

"Life may be long,

It may be short,

It all depends on Viscount Gort."

The meeting occurred as the Duke was going about his duties as a liaison officer in a downpour of rain. He and the war correspondents chatted in a tiny parlour which was reeking with tobacco smoke steaming with the odour of wet trench coats.

The Duke revealed that he had talked with his brother, Major-General the Duke of Windsor, twice since he came to France to serve with the B.E.F.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the Honourable Mr. R. A. C. North to be Labour Officer, in addition to his other duties, with effect from 1st December, 1939, until further notice.



Capt. Von Rintelen, who was imprisoned as a spy during the last war, but who has now made his home in England on Nov. 18, attended the wedding of Miss Joan Brandon and Mr. F. G. Adams at Chelsea Old Church. Miss Brandon's father was imprisoned in Germany in last war on grounds of naval espionage. Photo shows the bride and groom with Capt. Von Rintelen receiving sprig of heather from an old flower seller. (Copyright Air Mail).

## FIFTY PER CENT. RISE IN BRITISH EXPORTS

London, To-day.

THE 50 PER CENT. rise in a British exports in November means a further addition to the strength of the Allied financial position, which is already very strong.

The nominal value of Britain's foreign, Colonial and Dominion securities is estimated by Colin Clark at £3,500,000,000.

The market value is estimated by the "Economist" as well over £1,000,000,000, which is equivalent in value to the sum raised by the mobilisation of investments in the last war.

The value of France's foreign securities at par is estimated by Rist and Schwob at about £1,250,000,000.

The October bulletin of the National City Bank of New York puts British gold holdings at home and abroad at U.S.\$2,200,000,000, and French gold holdings at U.S.\$3,025,000,000.

"The Round Table" estimates that the gold and easily mobilisable for-

eign investments of both countries to amount to between U.S.\$7,500,000,000 and U.S.\$10,000,000,000.

#### STEADY NAZI DECLINE

Compare this with Germany, whose reserves of gold and foreign exchange, even after the seizure of the assets of the Austrian and Czech national banks, were estimated at U.S.\$250,000,000 at the most, and whose position has been steadily deteriorating since the war as a result of the progressive decline of exports.—Reuter.

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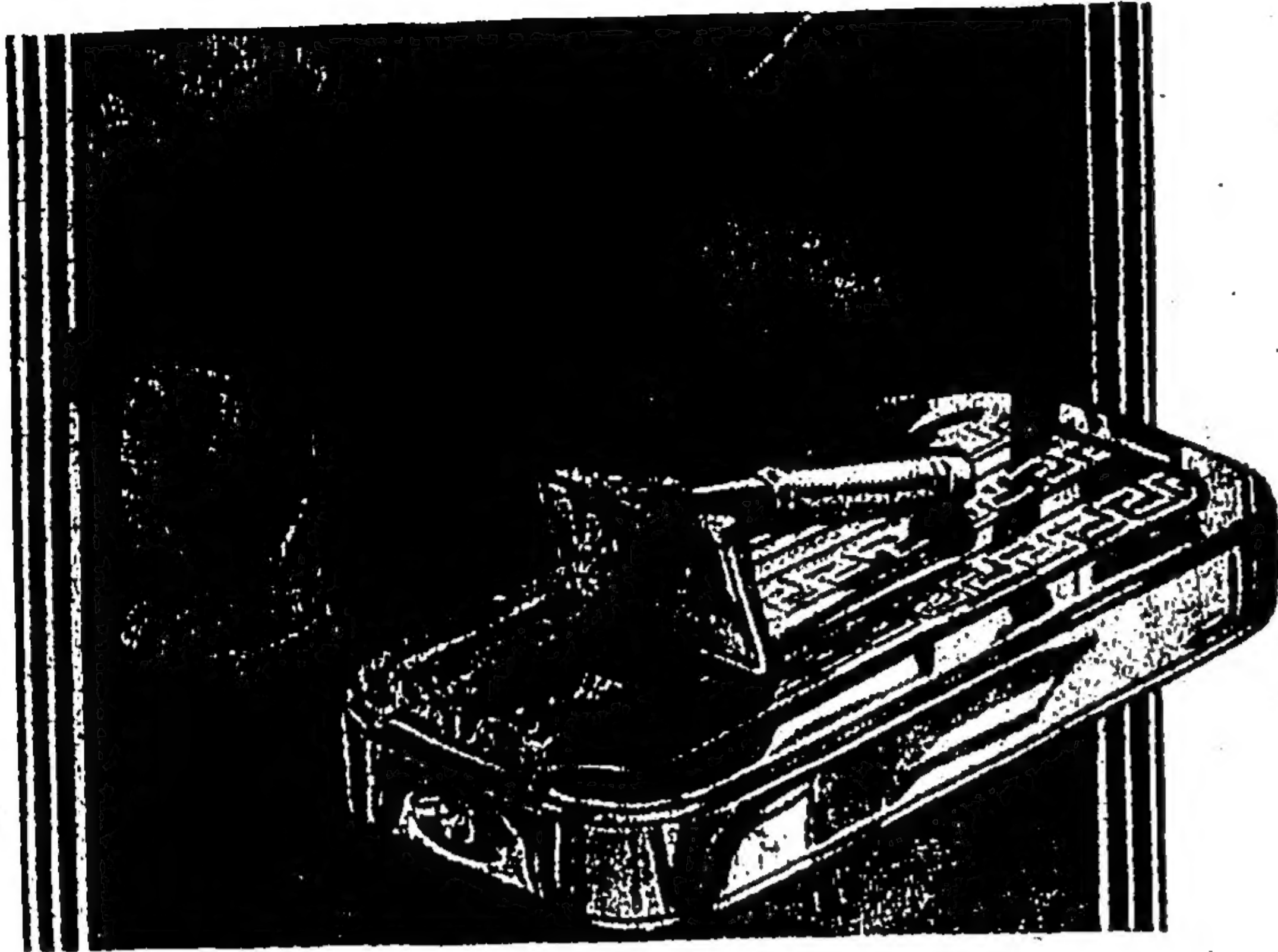
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# MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

## ITALY'S POLICY

Though Italy's neutrality seems assured for some time at least, it does not follow that she will adopt a passive policy. Her present aim is apparently to create a neutral Balkan block under her leadership to maintain peace in the Mediterranean and to prevent Russian influence from spreading. Italy's position in South-east Europe has already suffered much at the hands of Germany and the prospect of a new and still more dangerous rival cannot be welcome. With this in mind she is endeavouring to improve relations between Hungary and Rumania and to remove any suspicions that may still linger about her own ambitions in the Balkans. Soon after the war began Italian troops were withdrawn from the Greek frontier of Albania, and it is believed that a non-aggression pact will shortly be signed between Italy and Greece. If successful these aims will certainly benefit Italy, but they are not inconsistent with British and French interests. So long, indeed, as Italy adheres to her present policy of strict neutrality her efforts will be welcomed in this country.—"Manchester Guardian."

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## ALLIED UNITY

After two months the Allies have achieved the unity of purpose and method which they did not reach for three years in the last war. They will no longer be rival bidders in the markets of the world. They will buy together and sell together; all they have will be shared between them, and if there are any shortages they will face them equally.

The dictators are fond of sneering at the lethargy and the jealousy of the democracies. They will have a difficult task to explain away to their peoples the swift economic action and the generous loyalty of Britain and France.

What of the rumours? They speak, in language curiously identical, of quarrels in the Nazi councils and sullen unrest among the slaves of Nazidom; and, still more oddly, they flood upon us at the same moment. We would do well not to put too much faith in them. It is tempting, not only to the men in the street but to men in high places, to believe the things they want to believe; but the war will not be won by wish-fulfilment.

We must make ourselves ready, just as the Governments of the Allies have made themselves ready, for a hard and long struggle. The walls of Nazidom will, beyond all doubt, topple in the end, but they will not fall before the assault of rumours.—"Evening News."

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## BORAH AGAIN

Senator Borah's statement (urging a new trade agreement between U.S.A. and Japan) is "short-sighted and narrow-minded." In supplying war materials to Japan for the invasion of China, the United States is indirectly helping Japan in her aggressions against China, and eventually in the destruction of American rights and interests in this country. Senator Pittman's proposal for an embargo against Japan will be approved by Congress because American public opinion favours it.—"Shun Pao."

## STALIN'S AIM

We must remember that Stalin, like Hitler, hates democracy and the system of private capitalism. We must remember also that this alliance guarantees Moscow against a clash with the German Army and against the necessity of any military action during the initial period of the war. Moreover, Hitler has given Moscow what London and Paris could not give—territorial grabs that make it possible for Stalin to exploit the national feelings widespread among the Russian youth and thus widen the basis of bolshevism.

Moscow receives also technical aid for the restoration of the ruined Soviet transport and industry, particularly the oil industry. The alliance with Hitler has eased the position of the Red Army in the Far East. In addition, the alliance makes it possible for Moscow to advance together with Germany into Asia with the purpose of striking a blow at the colonial empires in their most vulnerable spots.

Only those who do not understand the psychology of bolshevism can believe that Stalin is playing a double game with Hitler, that he will return to the support of democracy—i. e., that he will abandon the game which he had so long been preparing at the very moment when the greatest possibilities are opening before him.—Kerensky, in the "New York Times."

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## ON THE NEUTRAL FRONT

To the numerous unusual aspects of the war in Europe add the fact that it is being fought by neutrals as well as by belligerents. Both Russia and Italy call themselves neutrals. But in the Balkans their interests are crystallizing into a sharp Russo-Italian rivalry.

Each of these States is trying to organize a Balkan bloc in which it would be the supreme influence. The Anglo-French-Turkish pact was a temporary setback for Russian influence in that this treaty kept the doors wide for the influence of the Western Powers—doors that Stalin had tried to close. The pact renewed Italian hopes of re-establishing Italy's place in Balkans which had been in a large measure lost to Germany in the good old Rome-Berlin Axis days and was further threatened by the re-entry of Russia into the international field.

With the signing of the Russo-German non-aggression pact, Russia showed at once that its new position would be used to extend Russian influence west and east. Now from most of the capitals of Southeastern Europe come indications of energetic Italian counter-moves to organize a Balkan bloc which will face toward Rome. Some of the same problems which faced Russia and which Russia mistakenly attempted to force to solution when the Turkish Foreign Minister was in Moscow now face Italy. One of these is the reconciliation of the territorial disputes between Rumania and Hungary and Bulgaria.

Whether Italy can better handle such problems, and whether Turkey, usually suspicious of Italian designs, will help, are questions whose answers depend on the ability of the lesser Powers in Europe to appraise the common danger which threatens them all.—"Christian Science Monitor."

# TRIUMPH OF THE TANKS: VICTORY AT CAMBRAI RECALLED

IN A THICK MIST at 6.20 a.m. on November 20, 1917, three brigades of British tanks, numbering 381 fighting and 98 administrative armoured vehicles, set out across no-man's land on an adventure that was to be the beginning of an era in the history of war. Next day bells were ringing all over London to acclaim a first-class victory.

The 3rd and 4th Army Corps, led by the tanks, had penetrated within 12 hours to a depth of five miles on a six-mile front opposite the town of Cambrai.

Casualties were light, less than 4,000, the Hindenburg line had been broken, and before our victorious men lay open country ready to be exploited by the waiting cavalry and the reserves.

The Third Battle of Ypres had resulted in so great a penetration of the enemy defences only after bitter fighting during the whole of August, September, and October, at a cost of well over £50,000,000 in artillery ammunition alone and with a terrible casualty list.

The joy-bells were premature. There were no reserves and nothing could be done to make capital from an astounding success, but the Tank Corps had shown a new way to victory and had established an ascendancy over the enemy which it kept, and shared afterwards with its French comrades, until the end of the War. The anniversary of Cambrai is being celebrated to-day by all units of the Royal Tank Regiment at home and overseas.

## USED ON THE SOMME

Though tanks had been used — their first appearance in battle — on September 15, 1916, in an attempt to revive the comatose Somme offensive and again a week later, they did not achieve any outstanding success despite much individual gallantry. The shell-torn ground over which they had to move was against them, and there were not enough of them to give value to the surprise caused by their appearance.

But the experiment had resulted in the accumulation of valuable experience, and the War Office decided to expand the new arm to the strength of 1,000 armoured vehicles. The Mark IV tank was devised and was tried out in 1917 at Arras (April 9), at Messines (June 7), and during the Third Battle of Ypres.

But again too few were used and the ground pulverized by heavy bombardment was not suited to tank manoeuvre. Some good work was done by the tanks against the Messines-Wytschaete ridge, but they did not play a big part in that battle.

Two essentials to the successful use of tanks had been insisted upon by their enthusiastic originators. One was the element of surprise, and the other was massed attack. To

## IS HITLER SLIMMING?

The Amsterdam correspondent of The London Daily Telegraph states that neutral observers recently arrived from Berlin say that Herr Hitler has lost weight considerably during recent weeks and that his uniforms no longer fit him. He is reported to eat very little.

this they subsequently added "no preliminary bombardment." This was incidental to surprise, but they now knew that the tanks needed ground that had not been completely pock-marked with shell-craters. The Cambrai offensive in its original form was laid out exactly according to their ideas. They had asked to be allowed to put up a very big raid "to destroy the enemy's personnel and guns, to demoralize and disorganize him, and not to capture ground."

## STRATEGIC VALUE

Other considerations were, however, in the mind of G.H.Q. British moral was at a very low ebb after the Third Battle of Ypres. The Russian revolution had released German reinforcements for the Western Front, and the Germans were known to be contemplating a very strong thrust against Italy. For these strategic reasons the raid was turned into a large-scale offensive, but the mistake was made of carrying it out on ground admirably suited to a raiding operation, but certainly not to a major operation. Despite its magnificent opening, therefore, the Battle of Cambrai resulted in only a very small gain in ground; but its strategic value was high and it proved the tanks.

The methods used at Cambrai were utilized in many major offensive actions during the remaining year of the War, and proved completely successful in both French and British hands.



Rosemary Lane and James Cagney in "The Oklahoma Kid," at the King's Theatre.

## BEST OF THE DAY

German propaganda in Poland is making frantic efforts to throw on Britain the responsibility for the destruction and atrocities committed by Germany in Poland.

Huge posters are displayed in the streets of Polish cities, towns and villages, showing a wounded Polish soldier who, amid a scene of death and desolation, is holding Mr. Chamberlain by the hand and saying to him: "England, Thy Work!"

The chief preoccupation of designers and tactical experts at present is the problem of defeating the anti-tank defence.

The light tank is easily defeated by a gun of the type of the Swiss Oerlickon, which fires its 3/4 in. calibre 50z. armour-piercing shell at a rate of 300 rounds a minute and can penetrate 1-1/4 in. armour at 500 yards.

The present tendency in tank design is towards a "low freeboard" to reduce the target presented, heavier armour and therefore lower speed. The tactical tendency is towards all arms cooperation in the neutralizing of anti-tank defences followed by attack on a modified "Cambrai" method. One thing only seems certain, and that is that victory in battle can be assured only by the very closest cooperation between tanks and infantry, with the artillery in support for both anti-tank defence neutralization and counter-battery work.

There is, however, no justification for supposing that these methods could be used successfully in the present war, even supposing that the defences of the "West Wall" were penetrated over a wide front.

In recent years tanks have been used in Abyssinia, in Spain, and by the Germans for the murder of Poland.

In Abyssinia the mobility of the Italian light tanks was very useful, but they did not encounter any serious anti-tank defence. Their cross-country performance was not good.

In Spain the German and Italian light tanks did not give a very good account of themselves. They encountered strong defences which the Nationalists had not sufficient artillery to neutralize. They were armed with machine-guns only and had little true hitting power.

The Russian light and medium tanks, and the Spanish-built copies, were more heavily armed and better armoured, and proved useful fighting vehicles despite the fact that, as one observer put it, "their stomachs are no better protected than a hedgehog." They could be set on fire easily by flaming petrol cans rolled under them.

## PRESENT DESIGN

The modern armoured fighting vehicle as constructed for the British Army has a very good cross-country performance, and while shell-pounded ground is likely to be a serious obstacle, particularly in wet weather, it will not be so serious as in 1916-18.



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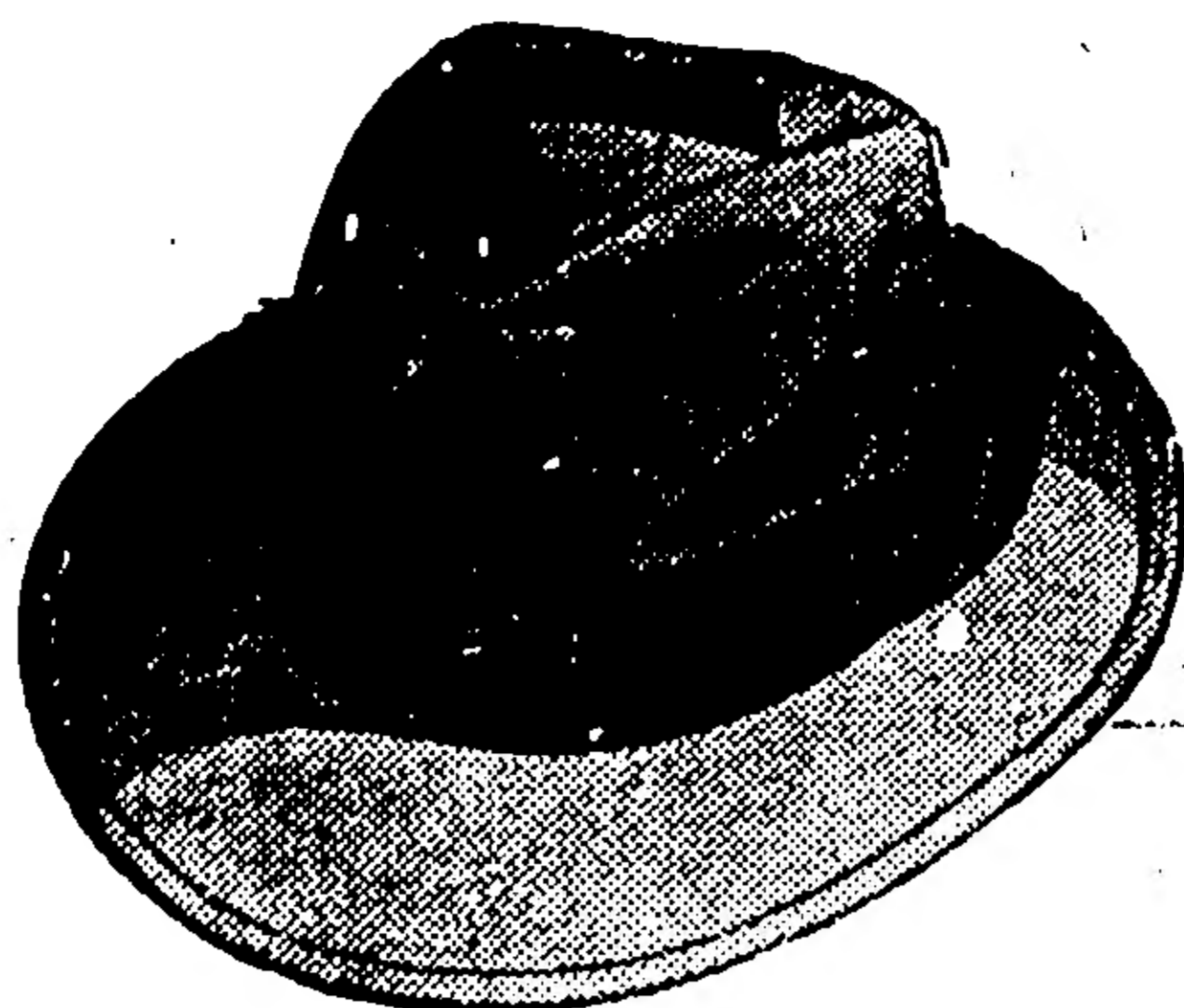
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There is a certain poetical fitness in the Ministry of Economic Warfare, that fourth arm of the national offensive, being housed in the London School of Economics, the breeding ground of so many economists.

The tall and youthful-looking Minister, Mr. Ronald H. Cross, with his gentle courtesy, hardly gives one at first sight the idea of a stern and unbending economic warrior. Only when one persuades him to talk of the manifold activities of his Ministry does one begin to grasp the inexorable stranglehold which, through the medium of the Royal Navy, has been established on the trade of Germany.

"In one sense economic warfare" is perhaps a misleading term," Mr. Cross told me, "for every one of our war activities has its economic aspect, and the Ministry of Economic Warfare certainly does not attempt to run the whole war. Our main object is to ensure that essential supplies do not reach Germany."

### HOW IT WORKS

"Much the same job as the Ministry of Blockade in the last war?" "Yes. Much of the work of the Ministry consists of an examination of all ships and cargoes brought or put in to the contraband control bases and ports. We have an elaborate system of determining whether or not there is prima facie evidence of goods being destined for Germany, but I am sure that you will realise that I ought not to describe this in too much detail.

"Broadly, we take into account not only the normal imports of the neutrals adjacent to Germany, but also what we know of the consignor or consignee of each particular cargo. The manifest of every ship entering a contraband control base or passing through a port is reviewed by several sections of the Ministry of Economic Warfare, each section working from its own particular angle; the comments of all these sections are then laid before the Contraband Committee, which meets daily and decides what ought to be done about every item in every cargo.

"Innocuous items are released. Items in respect of which there is evidence that they are destined for Germany are seized and brought in due course before the Prize Court. Doubtful items are detained pending further inquiry.

### THE DWINDLING STREAM

"The British Contraband Control has in the first ten weeks of the war detained more than 427,000 tons of commodities which otherwise would have reached the enemy. But it is important to remember that this is not the sum total of Germany's loss. It must not be assumed that she has had the tonnage represented in the difference between this and her normal imports. That has been stopped. These figures merely represent what the shippers have tried to get through, and, though they are up to all the dodges they can think of, the amount is steadily decreasing.

"It can correctly be assumed that our control is daily getting more and not less efficient, yet though we stopped 70,000 tons in the first week of the war and 100,000 tons in the second, the figure has steadily declined until last week there were only 6,500 tons to stop. We shall not get anything like the real picture until the statistics for this period of the various exporting countries are available."

### ELIMINATING DELAYS

I referred to the complaints, both at home and abroad, that ships were being detained an inordinate time.

"Those delays, so far as they are avoidable, are, I hope, a thing of the past," said Mr. Cross. "From the outset I have held the view strongly that delay must be reduced to a minimum. The Ministry, of course, was a new Ministry, and naturally took a little time to settle down. Also, as I have said, the process of 'vetting' ships and cargoes is very elaborate. But we have improved our system, and delays are now greatly reduced.

"Here I would say that shipowners can, and are, giving us considerable help by preparing their manifests in the form most suitable to our system. Where manifests are sent in advance and proved to contain no contraband, the ship is detained only a very short time, perhaps only one day, though this would be a very exceptional

case. We need also to know the names of the actual consignees—consignments 'to order' only rouse our worst suspicions, and in actual fact such shipments made after to-morrow will be liable to seizure.

### PROBLEM OF MEASURES

"The time taken to release a ship varies from a few hours to two or three weeks, or possibly even longer. It depends on the nature of the cargo. Just what the average is it would be difficult to say, but one big ship with a complicated cargo of hundreds of items on board clearly could raise any average considerably. Last week eleven ships were delayed only a few hours. Of the 94 vessels which were in the control bases two days ago only 38 had been there as long as a week. The remaining 56 had been there for at the most a few days, and some of them probably only a few hours.

"I have referred to the advantage of getting manifests in advance. Shipowners could also expedite matters considerably if the manifests contained in every case the net weight in metric tons, after deducting the weight of the package. One section of the Ministry has so far been engaged solely on the task of converting all kinds of weights and measures into the common unit of metric tons. If this were done in the manifests this particular section of the Ministry could be dispensed with."

### CAN YOU ANSWER THIS?

Glancing at the large map which covered most of one wall of the room, I suggested that the Minister and his staff must be re-learning a good deal of geography.

"That is so," agreed Mr. Cross, "but what has impressed us most is the amazing range of commodities of which some of us (other than the experts in the various commodities) had never heard—things in which we had been trading perhaps for generations and yet which are not even names to the ordinary person. That and the extraordinary range of weights and measures which I have already mentioned.

"Have you, for instance?" (this with a broad smile), "ever heard of a 'terce of hog-bones'?" I confess I hadn't until I came to the Ministry."

Mr. Cross mentioned that the Ministry are working in the closest co-operation with the French authorities. Gibraltar, for instance, is a control base, but as there are no very great facilities there for unloading cargo, vessels are often passed on to one of the French bases, and those figures, of course, do not come into the British statistics.

He referred to the negotiations taking place with neutral countries with a view to minimising the delay and reducing inconvenience to international trade, while maintaining effective contraband control, and said the Ministry are hoping to introduce at an early date the system of "navicerts" which proved so useful in the last war.

A "navicert" is in effect a free pass given to approved consignments the ultimate destination of which has been established as being neutral. This enables the consignment to go through subject only to formal verification. The "navicert" saves much delay as it is given before the consignment is shipped, and if all his cargo is thus passed, the master of the ship knows that he will not have to spend precious time while inquiries are being made.

In regard to the future, Mr. Cross said: "In the long run I look for a wider scope of action. I visualise Germany being placed in a kind of economic Coventry. This means cutting off her trade in all directions. We might, for example, outbid her in markets where she buys, and undercut her in markets where she sells. In fact, economic warfare has a far wider scope than the mere enforcement of contraband control."

"But this Ministry is concerned with British exports only to the extent of preventing goods being exported in such a way that, unknown to the exporter, they might ultimately reach an enemy destination. I entirely agree that our export trade is of the utmost importance, but it is not in general a matter for the Ministry of Economic Warfare. It would be of great assistance to our Commercial Enquiries Section if the public could be induced to appreciate that fact, as at present they are often approached with inquiries which are quite outside their scope."

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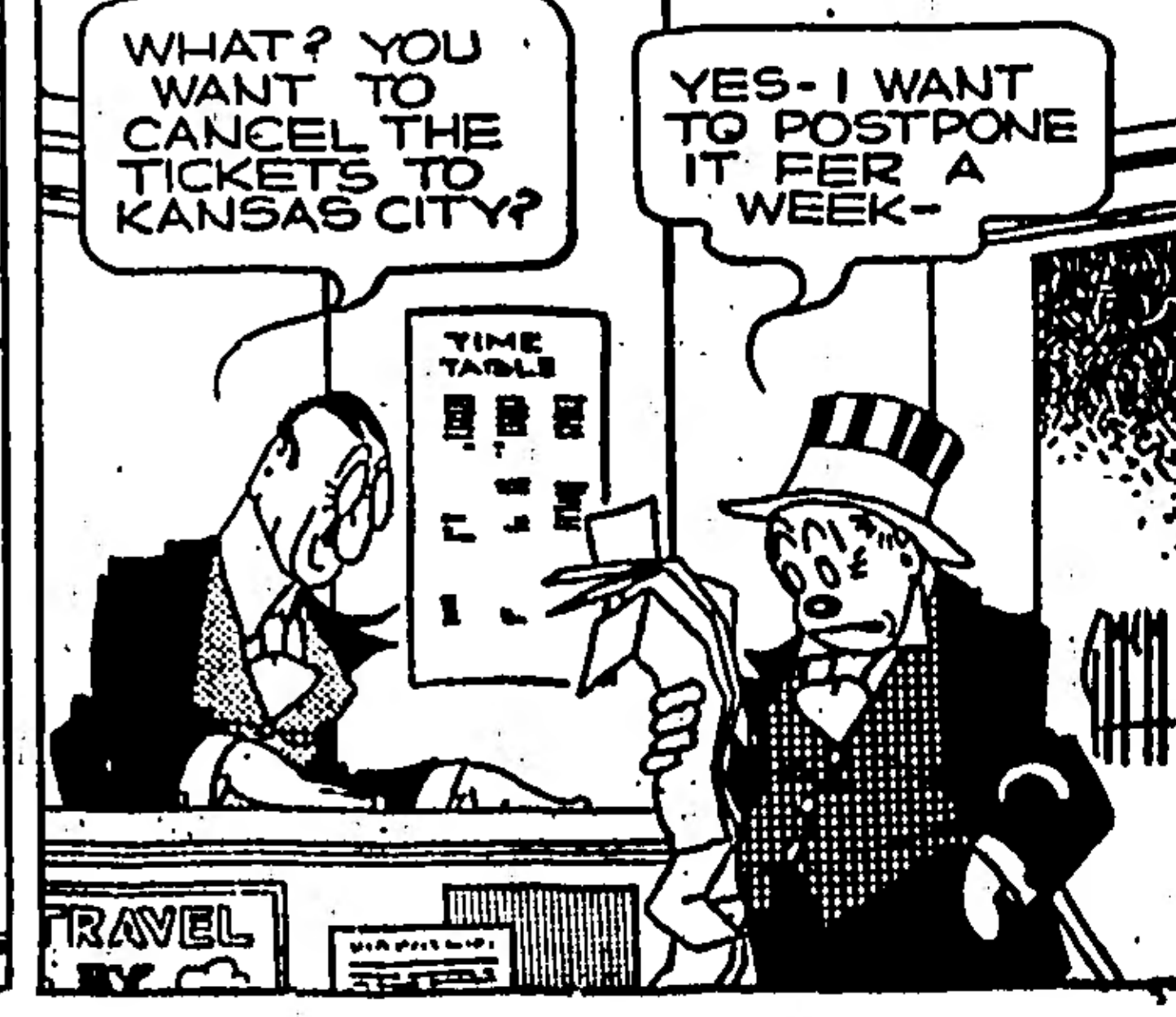


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By George McManus

## JAP. WAR OFFICE PROTEST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

It is understood that General Hata, the War Minister, is protesting to the Cabinet against the 25 per cent. cut in the war budget as decided by the Finance Ministry.

It is expected that the War Office may demand the restoration of the main suppressed military credits, pointing out that the Finance Ministry's action hinders the completion of the China campaign, and endangers the fulfilment of the four-year rearmament plan approved last Spring by the Diet.

This plan aims to carry out accelerated mechanisation of the army, reinforcement of the air force (especially in Manchuria) and the general improvement of armaments.

The War Office demands 6,000,000 yen, representing an increase of about 2,000,000 yen as compared with the current budget.

The Finance Ministry grants them only 4,400,000 yen, representing an increase of only 300,000 yen. — Havas.

## 30,000 POLES TRAIN IN EXILE

Poland's red and white flag flutters above a wind-swept corner of France where thousands of Poles are undergoing training to fight Germany on the Western Front.

Rugged Polish recruits, mostly miners from Northern France and Belgium, drop from trains in to a certain town daily to start their military training with machine-gun and other units.

They are given light-coloured khaki uniforms similar to the French ones. It is estimated that there are now more than 30,000 recruits, but their commander, General Ladislaw Sikorski, who is also Premier of the exiled Polish Government, hopes to recruit 200,000 troops from the United States and Canada, where there are large Polish colonies.

### EX-AMBASSADOR JOINS UP

When the general, who is fifty-five, is not visiting the camp, he lives in a cheap hotel room.

"Poland cannot afford more than that now," he says.

Among the recruits is Joseph Lipski, former Polish Ambassador to Germany. He was among the first to volunteer in the new army being formed on French soil.

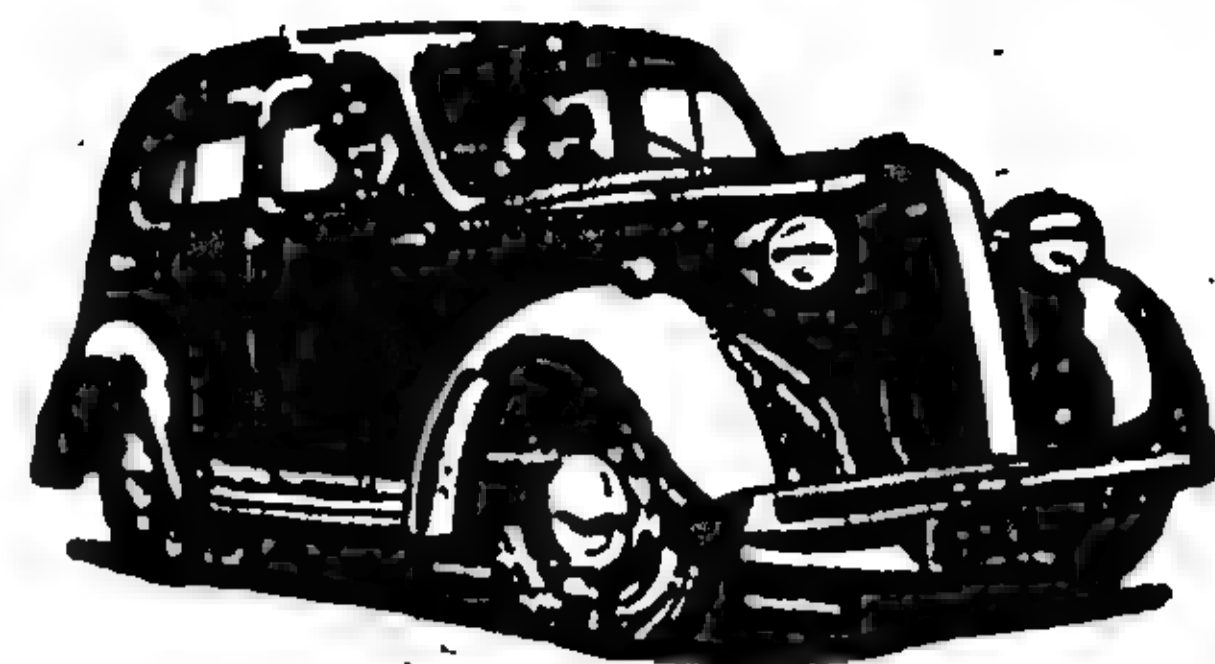
Polish leaders say they have already recruited two divisions of 15,000 men, and are now engaged in forming three more of the same strength. — Associated Press.

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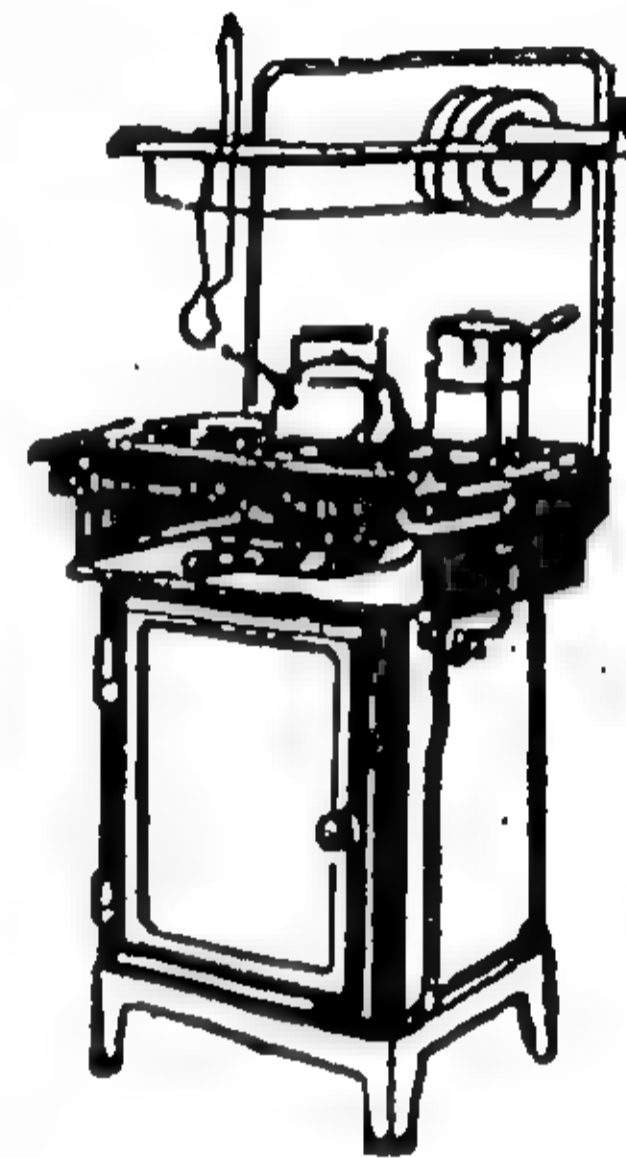
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## I SAW A SHIP BLOWN UP

On the South-East Coast, Nov. 24.

I saw the trawler-minesweeper Aragonite (315 tons) blown up by a mine off this coast last night. I watched, too, as tugs raced desperately to the ship. One of them took off the crew of fifteen. Four ratings were injured.

As I returned in a motorboat from the Italian steamer Fianona, damaged by a mine on Tuesday night, I saw a column of spray jump from the Aragonite as she sped along.

The trawler seemed almost to jump out of the water with the shock, then settle down aft.

### TWO TUGS RACE

The crew rushed on deck and waved to two tugs attending another ship barely 400 yards away.

At first my boatman said he did not think it was a mine. "It's just a trawler blowing off steam," he said.

Then we saw the two tugs racing through the water to the rescue.

The first immediately went alongside. The crew of the Aragonite scrambled aboard as best they could.

## BED SCENE TO BE "DELICATE"

There was a stir recently in the Lord Chamberlain's office—evacuated to "somewhere in the country." One of the censors, reading through a new play submitted to the department, had discovered that a BED figured in one of the scenes.

They phoned Mr. Brandreth, manager of the Richmond Theatre, at which the comedy, "The Best Triangles"—in contrast to the "Best Circles"—was to be produced next week.

"We cannot allow this play to go on," they told Mr. Brandreth.

"But we've fixed a West End cast, ordered the printing and made all arrangements to put the show on," the manager replied.

"We're sorry, but it can't go on," the censor said.

But Mr. Charles Landstone, the author of the play came to the rescue. He visited the Lord Chamberlain's office and asked them to reconsider their decision.

After a conference, they agreed to pass the play, on condition that the bedroom scene was played "with delicacy."

Gently they lifted in their injured companions.

Meanwhile, as darkness began to fall, the other tug made fast to the Aragonite and began to tow her towards the shore.

While the first raced with the injured to the pierhead, signalling for a doctor, the second tug opened out her engines in a desperate effort to save the trawler.

By the light of lanterns they brought the injured ashore and took them to hospital.

The Aragonite slowly settled down and sank.

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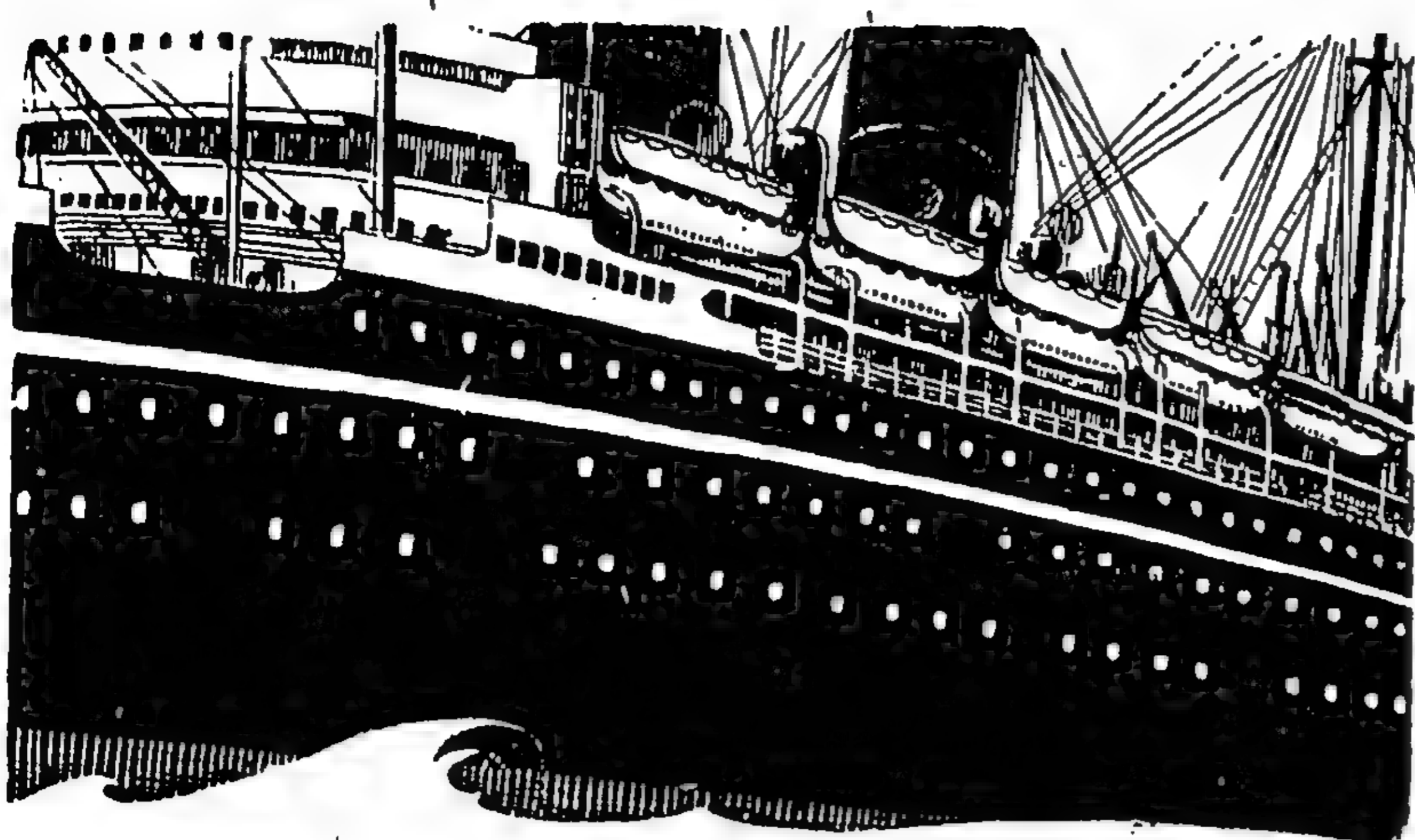
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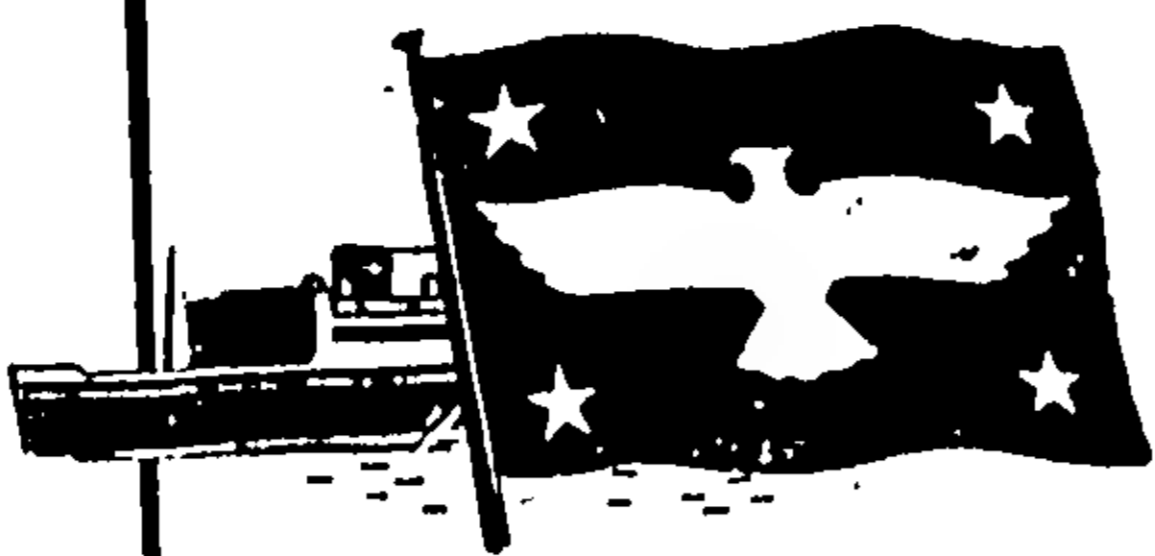
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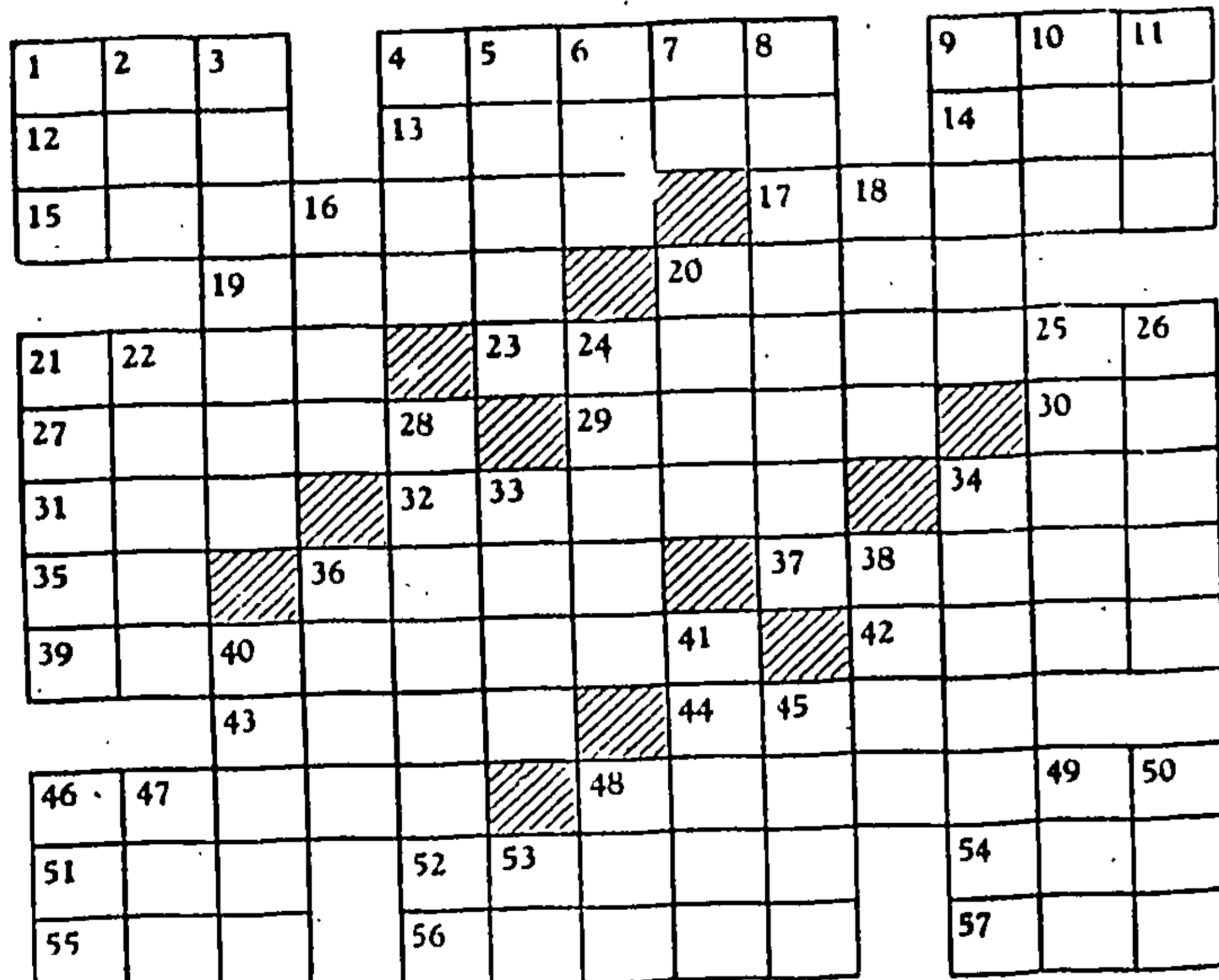
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- 20 French for "friends"
- 21 Couches
- 23 Hurried
- 27 Centers
- 29 Origin
- 30 Chinese measure
- 31 To trifle
- 32 Conceit
- 34 Periphery
- 35 Type measure
- 36 Mollusk
- 37 Tool
- 39 Asserts
- 42 Simians
- 43 Tardy
- 44 To endure

### VERTICAL

- 46 Happening
- 48 Real
- 51 Inlet
- 52 Choice part
- 54 Bitter herb
- 55 To steep
- 56 Storms
- 57 To piece

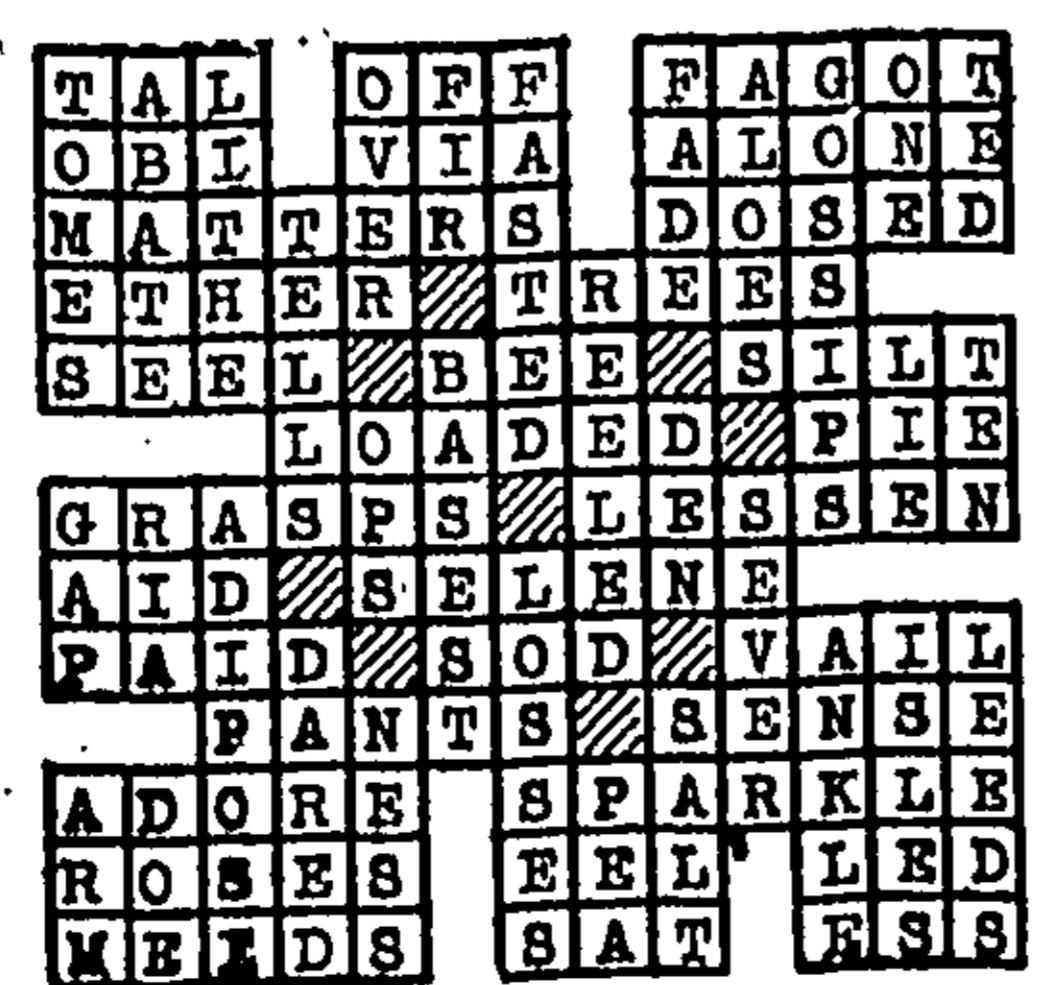
### VERTICAL

- 1 Book of Bible
- 2 Constellation
- 3 Dominance
- 4 To twirl
- 5 Boos
- 6 Beard of grain
- 7 Note of scale

### VERTICAL

- 8 Pledges
- 9 Canted
- 10 Transfix
- 11 Pagoda
- 12 Rise and fall of oceans
- 13 Climbing plant
- 14 Sterile
- 15 Performed
- 16 American pioneer
- 17 First class
- 18 To skip over
- 19 Coins
- 20 To defame
- 21 Unusual
- 22 Ecstasy
- 23 Tribe
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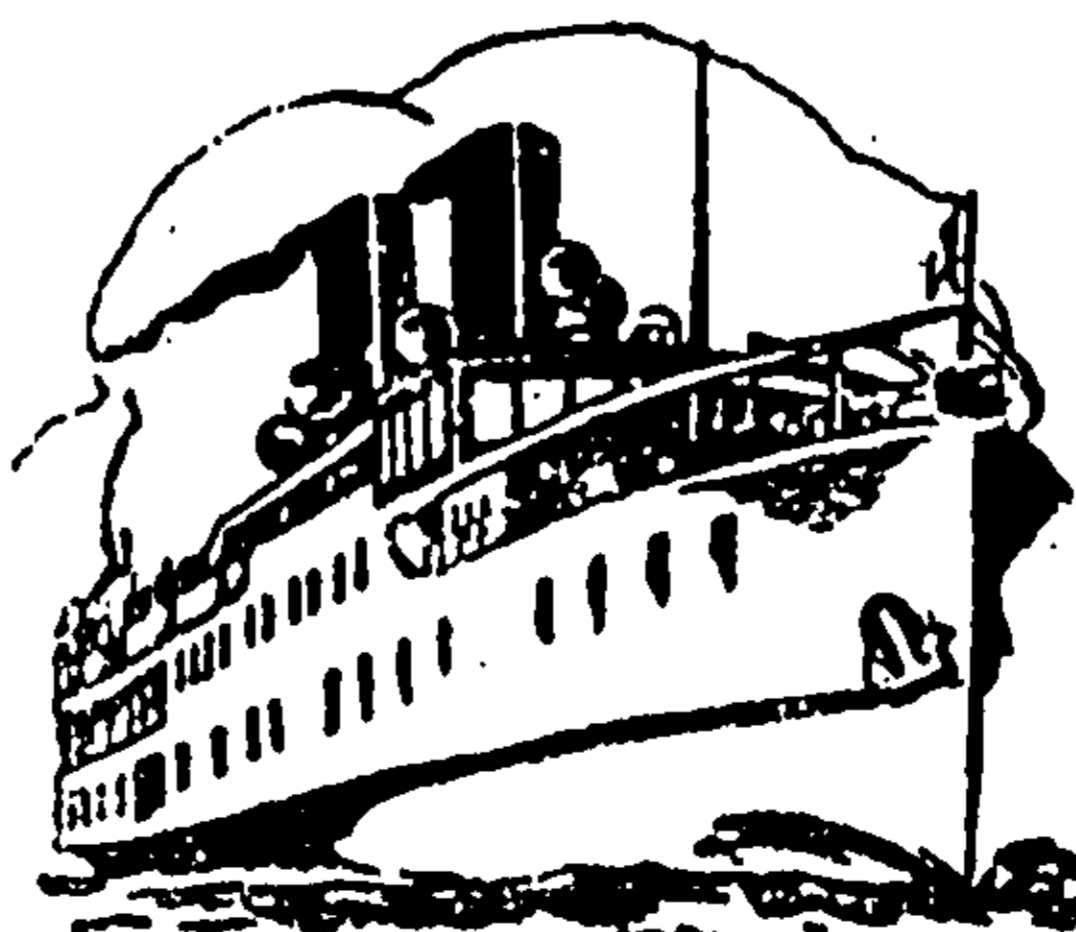
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## PROMOTION

Extract from Government Gazette No. 78 of 1.12.39.

"No. 1116—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the following promotion in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 13th November, 1939:—

Bombardier John Robinson to be Lieutenant, 1st December, 1939."

## ANNUAL STOCK TAKING

No stores or clothing and equipment of any description will be issued from H.Q. from 23rd December, 1939 to 4th January, 1940 (both dates inclusive).

## PARADES

1st Battery:

Fri., 15th Dec., Belchers, 5.45 p.m. B.C. staff, gun detachments, Lewis Gunners and D.E.L. Section. Dress—Overalls.

2nd Battery:

Layers Examination—Sun., 10th Dec., Scandal Point, 9 a.m. Dress as for Battery parade, less greatcoat.

A.A.L.M.G. Class—Mon., 11th Dec., Kenney Road Range, 5.00 p.m. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps.

Camp—Wed., 13th Dec., H.Q. for camp: 9.30 a.m.—Kit bags and baggage; 10.00 a.m.—B.Q.M.S. & Advance Party; 3.30 p.m.—Battery parade. Dress—S.D. caps, K.D. jacket and trousers, boots, belt, frog and haversack web, lanyard. Greatcoat to be carried.

3rd Battery:

Gun Detachments & Range-Takers—Mon., 11th Dec., Belchers, 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls, S.D. caps and G.P. shoes.

Lewis Gun Squad—Mon., 11th Dec., H.Q., 5.15 p.m. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps.

Camp—Wed., 13th Dec., H.Q. Advance Party under Bdr. Guimham 9.45 a.m. Remainder 3.45 p.m. Dress—Jackets, trousers, S.D. caps, boots, webbing belt, braces and pouches, haversacks and waterbottle. Greatcoats to be carried over the left arm.

The following articles etc. will be carried in kit bags—Spare jackets, trousers, shorts, khaki shirts, putties, overalls and G.P. shoes. Material for cleaning buttons and boots should be

carried as well as washing and shaving gear and personal garments.

Kit bags of all ranks will go out to camp with advance party and must be at H.Q. (suitably labelled) before 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 13th December.

4th Battery:

Wed., 13th Dec., Wellington Barracks, 6 p.m. D.E.L. personnel. Dress—Overalls.

Fri., 15th Dec., Queen's Pier, 5.30 p.m. (returning 8 p.m.). All members. Dress—S.D. caps, overalls, gun platform shoes.

Field Company Engineers:

Mon., 11th Dec., K.C.R., 5.30 p.m. Musketry.

Thurs., 14th Dec., K.C.R., 5.30 p.m. Technical training by sections.

Corps Signals:

Sat., 9th Dec. Reconnaissance party as detailed.

Mon., 11th Dec., H.Q., 5.15 p.m. All detachments. Signal training.

Fri., 15th Dec., H.Q., 5.15 p.m. All detachments. Signal training.

Movie Column:

Mon., 11th Dec., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Pay parade. All N.C.O.s. and men who were at camp will attend this parade.

Armoured Car Platoon—Mon., 11th Dec., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. A, B & C Classes. M.G. instruction.

Fri., 15th Dec.: (i) H.Q., 5.30 p.m. A & B Classes. M.G. instruction. (ii) Hung Hom Depot, 5.30 p.m. Driving instruction.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon—Mon., 11th Dec., H.Q., 5.30 p.m.

No. 1 Company:

Nos. 1 & 2 Platoons—Tues., 12th Dec.: (i) Squad No. 2 Only. H.Q., 5.15 p.m. for Kennedy Road. (ii) Squad No. 4. H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Revolver training. (iii) Remainder. H.Q., 5.30 p.m. as Company programme.

Fri., 15th Dec., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. As Company programme.

No. 4 (Troop) Platoon—Tues., 12th Dec. and Fri., 15th Dec., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. M.G. training.

No. 2 Company:

Wed., 13th Dec., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. B Class. M.G. stripping and assembling.

Thurs., 14th Dec.: (i) No. 6 Platoon. Kowloon Dock, 5.30 p.m. L.G.—A.A. drill. (ii) No. 7 Platoon. H.Q., 5.30 p.m. A Class. Pistol training at Kennedy Road Range. B Class. Stoppages, I.A.

No. 3 Company:

Sun., 10th Dec. Stonecutters. M.G. Part II. Those detailed. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 8.40 a.m. Dress—Optional, but equipment will be worn.

Mon., 11th Dec. and Thurs., 14th Dec., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Training as in Company programme.

No. 4 Company:

Mon., 11th Dec., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.s. Class. L.G. T.O.E.T.

Wed., 13th Dec., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Company parade. Infantry training.

Fri., 15th Dec., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Company parade. L.G. training. Repeat Lesson 5.

Sun., 17th Dec., Stonecutters. Rifle Table 8. Those detailed.

No. 5 Company:

Sun., 10th Dec., Kowloon City Range, 9 a.m. Members of No. 5 and No. 6 Companies who have not yet fired Rifle Tables A and B will attend. Dress—Optional, but belt, braces, pouches and frog must be worn. Range Officers—As detailed by O.C. Companies.

Tues., 12th Dec., H.Q., 5.30 p.m.: (i) Class A. Demonstrations—Teaching gun drill and training gun numbers in use of ground and cover. (ii) Class B—Visual training and recognition. (iii) Class C. Square parts.

No. 6 Company:

Sun., 10th Dec., Kowloon City Range. See details in No. 5 Company's order above. Tues., 12th Dec. As detailed by O.C. Company.

No. 7 Company:

Mon., 11th Dec., H.Q., 5.45 p.m. L.G. training. No. 1 Platoon. Rifle training. No. 2 Platoon as per Company schedule. Thurs., 14th Dec., H.Q., 5.45 p.m. Rifle training. No. 1 Platoon. L.G. training. No. 2 Platoon.

Army Service Corps Company:

Supply Section—Sat., 9th Dec., R.A. S.C. Camber, Queen's Road, 7 p.m. B Squad will report for duty vide Corps Orders No. 61/39.

Transport Section—Sun., 10th Dec., R.A.S.C. Camber, 9.30 a.m. Driving instruction. Mon., 11th Dec., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.s. drill. Thurs., 14th Dec., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Company parade. Dress—Optional.

Field Ambulance:

Wed., 13th Dec., 5.30 p.m. Murray parade ground. Dress—Uniform as for last Wednesday. Fri., 15th Dec., 5.30 p.m. Companies parade separately at St. Paul's College for lectures in First Aid. All members who have not yet returned their ground sheets must return them to Q.M.S. Steven on or before Wed., 13th Dec.

Pay Section: Those detailed.

CORPS ORDERS—AMENDMENT  
Corps Orders No. 60/39 of the 24.11.39. Para. 1—Qualification—Crossley Engines.

For "Y. K. Pun" read "P. N. Pun" and for "Gnr. H. K. Chan" read "L/Bdr. H. K. Chan".

## TRANSFER

1997, Pte. A. F. Walkden, Armd. C. Pl. to Air Arm., 1.12.39; 1761, C.Q.M.S. F. G. Nigel, from No. 1 Coy. to No. 7 Coy., 8.12.39.

## LEAVE

2872, Pte. D. W. Beeken, Armd. C. Pl., 1.11.39-31.1.40; 2996, Pte. Chan Fook Chor, No. 4 Coy., 11.12.39-24.12.39; DR53, Gnr. F. D. Tanner, 5th A.A. Bty., 15.12.39-15.1.40; 3629, Pte. E. A. Matthews, No. 1 Coy., 22.12.39-12.1.40; 2993, Pte. R. C. F. MacGregor, No. 1 Coy., 16.11.39-15.1.40; 2978, Pte. F. Cessford, No. 2 Coy., 8.12.39-2.1.40.

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1381, Pte. B. T. Gosano, No. 6 Coy., 18.4.39; 2985, Gnr. W. C. Muir, 1st Bty., 28.6.39; 3355, Spr. H. E. Baker, Fd. Coy. Engrs., 20.7.39; 3128, Pte. F. Liang, No. 7 Coy., 27.7.39; 2767, Pte. F. H. Chan, No. 3 Coy., 29.9.39; 2023, Gnr. N. O. Christensen, 2nd Bty., 6.10.39; 3463, Gnr. E. Huttemeier, 2nd Bty., 6.10.39; 3467, Gnr. K. Wilkens, 2nd Bty., 6.10.39; 2517, L/Bdr. L. D. Fernandes, 4th Bty., 9.10.39; 3188, Pte. J. M. Pechenick, Fd. Ambulance, 19.10.39; 2344, Pte. A. M. G. Philip-pens, A.S.C. Coy., 21.10.39; 3012, Pte. Lau Kam Kwong, No. 4 Coy., 24.10.39; 3831, Gnr. R. M. Santos, 3rd Bty., 30.10.39; 3830, Gnr. H. M. Santos, 3rd Bty., 25.10.39; 2832, Pte. M. A. Gill, No. 5 Coy., 27.10.39; DR51, Pte. E. B. David, Fd. Amb., 10.11.39; 3875, Gnr. G. Campbell, 5th A.A. Bty., 10.11.39; 3795, Gnr. W. Kong, 4th Bty., 4.12.39; 3255, Pte. A. V. Hui, No. 4 Coy., 7.12.39; 2922, Pte. K. K. Chan, No. 4 Coy., 27.8.39; 3016, Pte. P. Ng, No. 4 Coy., 8.12.39.

## STRENGTH—INCREASE

4228, Signmn. J. S. Rose, Corps Signals, 13.10.39; 4229, Gnr. T. A. Jolendovsky, 1st Bty., 19.10.39; 4230, Pte. J. C. Davis, A.S.C. Coy., 8.11.39; 4231, Gnr. W. K. Lam, 5th A.A. Coy., 1.12.39; 4232, Gnr. D. Rummye, 5th A.A. Coy., 1.12.39.

## PROMOTIONS

2543, A/Bdr. A. M. Wallace, 3rd Bty., to be Bdr., 8.12.39.  
2855, L/Bdr. M. Zaman, 3rd Bty., to be Bdr., 8.12.39.

E. N. THURSBY, Captain,

Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

## NOTICE

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## AFFILIATED UNIT

## NURSING DETACHMENT

H.K.V.D.C.

Lecture—The next Lecture in First Aid will be held on Friday, 15th December at 5.30 p.m. in the St. John's Cathedral Hall.

Practical Bandaging Classes—Practical Bandaging Classes will be held on Monday, 11th December at 10.30 a.m. at Volunteer H.Q., and at 5.30 p.m. at No. 13 Leighton Hill, Happy Valley. Transport for the evening class will leave Volunteer H.Q. at 5.15 p.m.

Attachment—The following member was attached to the Military Hospital for training during the period shown—Mrs. Kelvin Stark—20.11.39 to 27.11.39.

Strength—Decrease—Mrs. M. Austin, Miss A. Brewin, Miss N. Witchell, Miss E. Witchell, Mrs. M. E. Bolt, Mrs. B. Hourihan, Mrs. N. Lee, Mrs. W. Sharp, Miss J. Old, Mrs. E. R. Harding, Mrs. O. Burnett, Mrs. P. L. O. Ferguson, Mrs. W. Whittaker, Miss J. Nash, Mrs. L. Cartwright, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. J. E. Ramsay, Miss M. C. Smith, Mrs. D. Jilani, Mrs. J. G. Smith, Mrs. F. George, Miss N. Kempton, Mrs. A. Middleton-Smith, Mrs. P. C. Fox, Mrs. D. Newhouse, Miss V. Bockler, Mrs. O. B. FitzHenry, Miss J. Shirley, Mrs. K. Benwell, Mrs. M. A. Read, Miss E. M. S. Keniston, Mrs. E. F. Hirst, Mrs. E. Cheure, Miss S. Bander, Mrs. R. L. Davis, Mrs. C. D. Hopper, Mrs. J. Smyth, Miss B. M. Howell, Mrs. R. Jordan and Mrs. B. O. Andresen.

Sgt. Mrs. I. M. S. BRAUDE,

Assist. Commandant.

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## TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

'BLIND TOM' THE  
IDIOT-PHENOMENON

BY VINCENT TOWNE

A Negro Slave, on a plantation near Columbus, Ga., gave birth, about 1850, to a nearly blind, idiotic boy, Tom who at the age of 3 was sold to J. N. Bethune of Fauquier County, Va. Almost from the time he was an infant in arms the child developed wonderful genius as a mimic. He imitated the cries of animals, the call of birds and the sounds of the elements with such skill that he was soon called in to entertain the Bethune household. He was often found with his ear pressed to the wall of the house listening to the sound of the piano within, and he would sing or whistle any complicated air after hearing it but once. Once, when he was caught stealing into his master's house and imitating in undertones upon the piano-forte some melodies he had heard played during the day by others, it was discovered that the child had a wonderful musical genius.

When 4 years of age Tom astonished the Bethune family by executions on the piano that were truly phenomenal, and his master decided to turn this talent into gain. So, when the lad was 8, Bethune toured the country with him, later taking him to Europe, when Tom played before the crowned heads of the Continent. More than \$200,000 was realized from this first tour.

After J. N. Bethune had enriched himself on "Blind Tom" he had his son, John G. Bethune, appointed by the Virginia courts curator of the blind idiot's person in 1870, and from that time until his death in 1883, young Bethune exhibited the Negro phenomenon throughout the country.

"Blind Tom" had a big, uncouth, ungainly frame, and the face of an imbecile. His mannerisms at the piano were grotesque and suggested those of the trained apes that we have seen in recent years. At the conclusion of his performances, he would jump about on the stage, wildly clapping his hands for self approbation. His music was destitute of invention, but marvelously imitative. One of his feats was to play a melody with his right hand and, simultaneously, another with his left, at the same time whistling or singing a third—not merely popular airs like "Yankee Doodle" or "Sailor's Hornpipe," but the most intricate classic compositions of Bach, Chopin and Mendelssohn. Tom could play with his back to the piano-forte, could name any combination of tunes, could imitate the sound of almost any musical instrument and could deliver a complete oration in almost any foreign language without understanding the meaning of a word that he spoke.

Out of his earnings made from "Blind Tom", young Bethune, like his father, had established a snug fortune and had maintained in Kentucky a



TOM'S MANNERISMS AT THE PIANO WERE GROTESQUE.

valuable racing stable. After his manager's death, "Blind Tom" became refractory and declined to appear in public performances. Law suits were brought in his behalf, but the Bethune family successfully fought them, until finally the Virginia

court decided that the idiot was entitled to \$70,000 of his earnings.

After leaving the stage, Tom relapsed into stupid idiocy. For a time he became lost to the world, but later it was announced that he was living with his mother in New York

City and that the two were subsisting on charity. Finally, in 1904, after he had been almost forgotten, he reappeared upon the stage in New York City giving several concerts with much of his old-time vigor.


This uncanny phenomenon seemed to possess the feline characteristic of having nine lives. He was reported as having died at least that number of times. Once it was announced that he had succumbed to consumption, again that he had jumped off a bridge in St. Louis and had committed suicide; also that he had been killed near Cincinnati and that he had been drowned in a flood in Pennsylvania.

At last, in 1912, came what was heralded as "positively his last appearance" in the death notices. On June 13, of that year, a Negro dying in Hoboken was alleged to be "Blind Tom" but upon the burial certificate his name was given as Thomas Wiggins, although during his professional career he had been known as Thomas Bethune. One account published at the time stated that he had spent his last days subsisting on charity and another that he had been cared for during his declining years by the widow of his former master.

"Blind Tom" was a sphinx riddle to psychologists all over the world. None of them could ever fathom his phenomena. Probably there will never be an explanation of the remarkable freak of nature which gave the black idiot his mastery over the world of sound.



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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Inter-  
cession.  
12.30 p.m.—SONGS by Turner Layton  
at the Piano.  
The Village That Nobody Knows (Simpson  
& Haydn Wood).  
Let Me Whisper (Rosell & Heyman).  
You Belong To Dreamland (Gilroy).  
12.40 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordeon  
Band.  
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and  
Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—George Scott Wood and His  
Six Swingers.  
Quickstep—Hot Pie.  
Slow Fox-Trot—Hot Pie.  
Fox-Trots—Handel In Harlem: My Sweetie  
Went Away.  
Evergreens Of Jazz—Intro: Hot Time in  
the Old Town To-night; In the Shade of  
the Old Apple Tree; Dinah; Avalon; I  
Can't Give You Anything but Love.  
Baby; Nagasaki.

## To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.  
9.52 Megacycles

Fox-Trots—Hot Pie Medley—Intro: I Got  
Rhythm; China Boy; Alice Blue Gown;  
Hot Lips; Aunt Hagar's Blues; Am I  
Blue.  
Slow Fox-Trot—Nightfall.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.  
Weather Forecast and Announce-  
ments.  
1.45 p.m.—SELECTIONS from Light  
Opera.  
"Wake Up and Dream"—Vocal Gems  
(Porter); "Mister Cinders"—Vocal Gems  
(Ellis & Myers)....Light Opera Com-  
pany with Orchestra.  
"The Maid Of The Mountains"—Selection

(Fraser-Simson) .... London Palladium  
Orchestra cond. by Richard Cren.  
"The Merry Widow"—Villa; The Merry  
Widow Waltz....Jeannette MacDonald  
(Soprano) with Orchestra.  
"The Damask Rose"—Selection (Chopin  
themes, adapted G. H. Clutsam)....Court  
Symphony Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.  
6.00 p.m.—Compositions of Bach.  
Two Minuets (from "Sonata No. 6 in E  
Major for Solo Violin")....Henry Merckel  
(Violin) Unaccompanied.  
Partita in B Flat....Harold Samuel (Piano).  
My Spirit Was In Heaviness (from the  
Cantata "Sighing, Weeping, Trouble,  
Want")....The Heart I Ask From Thee.  
Love....Lotte Leonard (Soprano) with  
Organ, Violin & Harpsichord.  
Aria (from Suite in D); Andante....Pablo  
Casals (Cello) with Piano.  
Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F Major  
....Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra  
conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-  
tions.  
6.47 p.m.—SONGS by Richard Crooks  
(Tenor).  
Good-Bye (Tosti); Killarney (Falconer-  
Balfie); I Love You So (from "The Merry  
Widow"—Lehar)....with Orchestral ac-  
companiment.

7.00 p.m.—MILITARY Band Concert  
with Malcolm McEachern (Bass).  
Castalio—March (Novacek—arr. Hewitt);  
L'Entente Cordiale—March Anglo-Fran-  
caise (Allier)....The B.B.C. Military  
Band cond. by E. Walton O'Donnell.  
The Bell Ringer (Oxenford-Wallace); Out  
On The Deep (Cowan & Lohr)....Mal-  
colm McEachern (Bass) with Orchestra.  
Tidworth Tattoo. Tidworth March; Coburg  
March; Sambre Et Meuse—March (Plan-  
quette)....Massed Bands of the Southern  
Command.  
March Lorraine (Ganne); La Marseillaise  
....La Garde Republicaine Band con-  
ducted by M. G. Balay.  
Anchors Aweigh—March....United States  
Navy Band cond. by Lieut. Charles  
Benter.

7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—The  
News.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather  
Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—B.B.C. RECORDING "Fly-  
ing High" Part II. Written and ar-  
ranged by Alan Russell and Charles  
Brewer.

8.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Birds  
of a Feather", Comedy of Welsh  
Rural Life.  
9.00 p.m.—Winnie Melville and Derek  
Oldham with Marek Weber and His  
Orchestra.  
Dainty Little Maiden (Besley); I've Found  
A Whole World In You (Leslie)....Win-

"London Log"  
And  
More Dance Music

nie Melville & Derek Oldham (Vocal  
Duets) with Orchestra.  
"The Beggar Student"—Selection (Millo-  
ker)....Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

9.05 p.m.—STUDIO—Comments on  
Recent Events.  
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—News  
Summary.

9.30 p.m.—Local Sports Results.  
9.32 p.m.—REGINALD FOORT at the  
Organ.

Medley Of Daly's Favourites.  
Intro: A bachelor gay (The Maid of the  
Mountains); Villa (The Merry Widow);  
Bohemia (The Happy Day); Leander  
(Katcha the Dancer); Under the Deo-  
dar (A Country Girl); You're in love  
(Gipsy Love).

Reminiscences Of Friml.  
Intro: Indian Love Call; The Mounties;  
Chanson; The door of my dreams;  
Rose Marie; March of the Vagabonds;  
Only a Rose; L'Amour Toujours  
L'Amour; Serenade.

9.45 p.m.—B.B.C. RECORDING—"The  
Fol-De-Rols". Variety show written  
and produced by Greatrex Newman  
with Music by Wolseley Charles.

10.25 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC.  
Quickstep—Joseph Joseph!  
Tango—So Blue the Skies....Maxwell Ste-  
wart's Ballroom Melody.

Slow Fox-Trot—Magyar Melody (from  
"Paorika")....Victor Silvester & His  
Ballroom Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Night Over Shanghai (film 'The  
Singing Marine'); 'Cause My Baby Says  
It's So (film 'The Singing Marine')....  
Billy Thorburn & His Music.

Waltzes—Sav That You Will Not Forget  
(film 'Lullaby'); Sweet Mary Rose....  
Bernhard Elie & His Dance Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—How Cold You?; Don't Play  
With Fire....Eddie Carroll & The Casani  
Club Orchestra.

Tangos—Poema; Moonlight Kisses....  
Gerald & His Gaucho Tango Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Lon-  
don Log".

11.15 p.m.—More Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—It's Been So Long; Every Time  
I Look At You....Chick Bullock & His  
Orchestra.

Quickstep—I Wasn't Lying When I Said  
"I Love You"; Waltz—Oh, Mr. Man In  
The Moon....Henry Jacques with his  
Dance Tempo Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Drummer Goes To Town; Slow  
Fox-Trot—The Japanese Sandman....  
Joe Daniels & His Hot Shots in "Drum-  
nastics".

Tangos—Lamento; Land Of Magic....  
Heliz Huppertz & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Mickey Mouse's Birthday  
Party; Oh, You Rogue....Ted Flo Rito  
& His Orchestra.

Quicksteps—Clarinet Marmalade; Maple  
Leaf Rag....Harry Roy & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Do The Runaround (film 'She  
shall have Music'); She Shall Have Mu-  
sic (from the film)....Jack Hyton's  
Orchestra.

Waltz—A Beautiful Lady In Blue....Mario  
"Harp" Lorenz & His Rhythmics.

12.00 midnight—CLOSE DOWN.

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## KEEP TRYING

Unwillingness to give up, even  
though there appears to be no play  
for the contract, is the real test of a  
player's ability. For instance, here is  
a hand that Howard Schenken made.

West, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| ♠ K 9 4   | ♠ 8 6 8 2 |
| ♥ K 10 9  | ♥ Q 5     |
| ♦ A 6 5 3 | ♦ Q J 9 8 |
| ♣ 8 6 5   | ♣ 7 4     |

♠ A 7 5    ♠ N  
♥ A 6 4    ♥ W  
♦ K 10 2    ♦ E  
♣ Q J 3 2    ♣ S

♠ Q J 10  
♥ J 8 7 3 2  
♦ —  
♣ A K 10 9 7

Mr. Schenken

## The bidding:

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1♣   | Pass  | 1♦   | 2♣    |
| Pass | 2♦    | Dbl. | 2♥    |
| Pass | 3♥    | Pass | 4♥    |
| Pass | Pass  | Pass |       |

The explanation of Mr. Schenken's  
bidding lay in the fact that West was  
one of those fancy club bidders. At  
that he might well have dropped the bid-  
ding at three hearts, instead of going on to  
four.

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FOUR-ACES SYSTEM

ACE 3  
KING 2  
QUEEN 1  
JACK 1

TOTAL VALUE OF HANDS  
AVERAGE HAND 17 1/2

West opened the  
four of hearts, which  
Mr. Schenken was  
sure marked East with  
the Queen. Accord-  
ingly, it looked to him  
as if he would have to lose two heart  
tricks, one club and one spade. How-  
ever, he saw one ray of hope and went  
right up with dummy's King. He  
then led a small club, won with the  
King in his own hand and played the

Queen of spades. West won with the  
Ace and shifted to a diamond. Mr.  
Schenken won that in dummy with  
the Ace, discarding a low club from  
his own hand, and played a second  
club.

Now East made the horrible mis-  
take of trumping with the Queen of  
hearts, and the hand was all over.  
East played a diamond. Mr. Schen-  
ken trumped, cashed his Ace of  
clubs, trumped a club in dummy and  
conceded one trump trick to West's  
Ace.

Yesterday you were the dealer and  
held:

♠ A Q 7 4  
♥ A K 9 6  
♦ A  
♣ A K 8 3

ANSWER: Your correct opening  
bid is one club. This hand is not  
strong enough for an opening forcing  
bid.

Score 100% for 1 club, 70% for  
two clubs, 0 for one spade or one  
heart. (With this hand the club is  
definitely the suit to be bid first as  
it makes it easier for partner to  
respond).

## QUESTION NO. 279

To-day you are David Bruce Burn-  
stone's partner. Neither side is  
vulnerable and you hold:

♠ 9 7 4  
♥ A 6 5 3  
♦ 8 7 3  
♣ 5 4 2

## The bidding:

| Burnstone | Jacoby | You | Maier |
|-----------|--------|-----|-------|
| 1♦        | Pass   | (?) |       |

What do you bid? (Answer  
tomorrow.)

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## REMEDIOS AND MISS OLGA RIBEIRO GIVE BRILLIANT DISPLAY

(By "ADREM")

RECREIO "A" MIXED Doubles Badminton League team, consistent leaders in this division since its inception, were shaken out of their complacency at King's Park last night when they commenced the last round at the wrong end of a 4-2 score in their match against their "B" team.

"B" then appeared to think they had done enough for the evening and could not collect the single game which would have given them credit for one of the biggest upsets for some time!

L. A. Carvalho, that veteran of many a stern League tussle, and Miss S. Remedios, of the "B" team were chiefly responsible for the near upset and had C. C. Pereira not struck last night to be right off his game, the result might very well have been reversed.

Carvalho was in great form. It will be recalled that he was for many years a member of the senior mixed doubles team and he had evidently made up his mind to show his former contemporaries that there was a lot of kick still left in him. His coverage of court had to be seen to be believed and his smashing was very decisive.

Miss Remedios, whilst never reaching any heights of brilliance, was steady.

### GONSALVES SOUND

Henry Gonsalves played a sound game, more than matching his more experienced opponents in several keen rallies, and Miss Maggie Xavier, after some initial nervousness, gave him fine support.

Miss Cynthia Silva, long lay-off from the game notwithstanding, revealed much of her old skill and would have done even better if given more support by her partner.

Of the "A" team, J. J. Remedios was the "man of the match." Never has this rotund player given a better performance. His brilliant all-court

game had his opponents bewildered and they were never sure whether they were coming or going!

His combination with Miss Olga Ribeiro was a splendid one and I cannot see many League pairings taking games from this couple on the form shown by them last night. Marcus Oliveira played his usual game in which the smash was a prominent feature but Miss Mylthie Silva was not at her best.

A. M. Rodrigues and Miss M. Ribeiro had an off day and could never work up any semblance of a combination.

"B" Team led 2-1 after the first round and the score was 3-all at the end of the second.

Miss M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira (Recreio "A")  
lost to L. A. Carvalho and Miss S. Remedios 12-21  
beat H. F. Gonsalves and Miss M. Xavier 21-7  
beat C. C. Pereira and Miss C. Silva 21-8  
Miss O. Ribeiro and J. J. Remedios (Recreio "A")  
beat Carvalho and Miss Remedios 21-14  
beat Gonsalves and Miss Xavier 21-13  
beat Pereira and Miss Silva 21-6  
Miss M. Ribeiro and Dr. A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio "A")  
lost to Carvalho and Miss Remedios 17-21  
lost to Gonsalves and Miss Xavier 11-12  
lost to Pereira and Miss Silva 18-21  
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## LAST NIGHT'S BADMINTON.

Recreio "A" 5 Recreio "B" 4  
St. John's 6 K.C.C. 3



## TODAY'S RUGBY

At 4 p.m. to-day Club meet Navy in the second game of the first round of the 1939-40 Triangular Rugby Tournament and if they win, as they should do, they stand an excellent chance of winning the trophy outright for the first time since 1936.

The side which beat Army last Saturday has been changed, Thompson coming in at full-back to allow Henderson to go to scrum-half in place of Jimmie Thomson. Heasman has been brought into the front row of the pack and Walkden has moved to the back row to the exclusion of Richardson, regular place-kicker.

Navy pack is not up to standard and Carter will be badly missed from stand-off, where Bax may prove a

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## TWO GOOD SENIOR GAMES FOR TO-DAY

(By "ADREM")

Two good senior cricket games are on the card for this afternoon, Craigengower entertaining Civil Service and Club, Recreio.

Recreio have out just about their strongest team including E. L. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio and A. P. Pereira and with these three to look after the attack Club should not find run-getting too easy.

Club, who have do without their Civil Service members for the first time in three weeks, have many strange names in their team. They appear to have out the nucleus of their potential League team which just about places them at full strength.

I notice that R. D. Gillespie is playing. If he manages to settle down I can foresee some leather-hunting for the Recreio team. He is one of the hardest hitters ever to have played for Club.

### GREAT IMPROVEMENT

Two teams which have shown great improvement this season will meet at the Valley. They are Craigengower Cricket Club and Civil Service.

I have not seen the Civil Service team but Craigengower have no notable absentees. I don't think there will be a definite result as both sides are quite well balanced.

There is a full programme of Junior matches and five games will be played.

Following is the programme and some of the teams—

### PROGRAMME

SENIOR  
C.C.C. v C.S.C.C.  
H.K.C.C. v Recreio

### HOCKEY

## TO-DAY'S "NEEDLE" MATCH

All interest in Ladies hockey this afternoon will be centred on the match between "Y" Ladies, champions of the Caer Clark Competition and St. Andrew's.

The champions have played three League games to date and have won each comfortably, scoring 15 goals against 2, but their forwards will not have the same scope this afternoon as the Saints can boast of a particularly stout defence.

The Saints have only been seen in the League this season but have impressed greatly in all practice games; they should fully extend the champions if they do not win.

ST. ANDREW'S—Miss June Hall; Miss G. White and Miss M. da Roza; Miss S. West, Miss J. Wong and Miss B. Greaves; Miss F. Wong, Miss M. Churn, Miss S. Roberts, Miss H. Reid and Miss B. Longbottom.  
"Y" LADIES—Miss Minot; Mrs. Stone and Mrs. N. Strange; Miss M. McCaw, Mrs. Starbuck and Miss K. Pocock; Mrs. O. Burnett, Miss B. Harker, Miss Declina Eardley, Mrs. S. Gardner and Miss D. McCaw.

### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

CAER CLARK CUP  
C. B. A. v H.K. Ladies  
(C. B. A., 3.00 p.m.)  
"Y" Ladies v St. Andrew's  
(3.15, 3.00 p.m.)  
C. B. S. v Recreio  
(C. B. S., 3.00 p.m.)  
BRAWN CUP  
D. G. S. v Argonauta  
(D. G. S., 3.00 p.m.)  
St. Andrew's v C. B. A.  
(C. B. A., 4.15 p.m.)  
Recreio v "Y" Ladies  
(Recreio, 3.00 p.m.)

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## FOOTBALL

## D. KNOX RETURNS TO KOWLOON

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Middlesex, the team that has not produced the same form twice in succession this season, meet Eastern on the Club ground this afternoon in what should be the best game of the week-end programme.

The "Diehards" only drew with the Saints last week and are generally known to produce their best form against Chinese teams. Eastern will have to be at their best if they wish to get both points.

Kong Sin-keng, the Eastern full back from Macao, will be playing but the rest of the team is unchanged from last week. Tsang Chung-wan, their left back, who was injured last week is fit again.

St. Joseph's are quite pleased with their performances during November. They have not lost a game in the last four matches and have obtained six points, but it is not expected that they will beat Kowloon, even on their own ground to-day.

Bliss will be partnering Ulrich, at back, for Kowloon with Bell in the pivotal position. Williamson will lead the attack and D. Knox who has been out of soccer, will be on the left wing.

An important Third Division game between International and Service

Corps will be played on St. Joseph's ground and the result will have an important bearing on the title.

## CLUB HOCKEY TEAMS

The following teams have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club in matches arranged for the coming week.

"A" XI (v 2nd XI Royal Scots Regiment on Club ground on Monday, at 5 p.m.):—H. W. Brown; W. Schnabel and A. M. J. Wright; J. H. Steven, H. J. D. Lowe and E. H. Brazel; W. Spencer, G. D. Woolgar, (Capt) E. F. A. Morgan, E. W. Bannister and I. P. Tamworth.

1st XI (v Club de Recreio 1st XI on Club ground on Wednesday, at 5 p.m.):—V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and E. V. Reed; N. B. Whitley, W. A. Reed and Cdr F. Corrie Hill; S. A. Fowler, D. S. Carey, G. E. R. Divett, T. D. Whitley and R. A. Bates.

## BADMINTON

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## St. John's Beat K.C.C.

St. John's playing at home beat Kowloon Cricket Club 6-3.

Mrs. Wilson and D. Kwok (St. John's) beat R. Wynter-Blyth and Miss Harker 21-3  
beat A. L. Fisher and Miss Stokes 21-7  
beat Mr. and Mrs. Kevan 21-7  
Mrs. Strange and F. H. Kwok (St. John's) beat Wynter-Blyth and Miss Harker 21-13  
beat Fisher and Miss Stokes 21-17  
beat Mr. and Mrs. Kevan 21-8  
Mrs. Saunders and R. Maynard (St. John's) lost to Wynter-Blyth and Miss Harker 9-21  
lost to Fisher and Miss Stokes 7-21  
lost to Mr. and Mrs. Kevan 10-21

## VOLUNTEER CRICKET ELEVEN

The following will represent Volunteers at cricket against Police to-morrow at Happy Valley, at 11.30 a.m.—R. M. King, L. C. Baker, D. de S. Carey, D. G. Day, D. Hung, N. D. Lloyd, W. L. Rapley, W. Stoker, A. Zimmermann, E. Zimmermann, and F. R. Zimmermann.

## TO-DAY'S RUGBY

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little slow in attack, though he should be able to hold Charter.

The following are the teams:

1st XV:—F. M. Thompson (15), D. L. Bosanquet (5), H. D. Bidwell (3), J. Hutchison (1), D. H. Stewart (2), J. C. Charter (4), J. R. Henderson (22), R. E. Heasman (11), R. G. Castleton (25), P. F. Wanklyn (26), E. A. Bompas (27), C. F. Needham (12), A. M. Kennedy (18), A. F. Walkden (13) (Captain), and G. B. Godfrey (28).

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At 2.45 p.m. Club "A" will be represented by the following against 8th Heavy Regiment, R.A.:—G. S. Wilson, H. van Leeuwen (Captain), M. G. Carruthers, D. B. Nelson, H. M. Lavalle, B. C. Fay, J. M. Thomson, L. A. Searle, K. W. Salter, H. W. E. Heath, J. S. Dunnett, E. C. Luscombe, B. O'M. Deane, A. G. Dalziel and W. B. Richardson.

The South China Athletic Association will be for at least two weeks without the services of Lau Tau-nan, their left-wing, who has been held in Shanghai owing to the illness of his wife.

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London, To-day.

**YESTERDAY MORNING**, announces the R.A.F., an aircraft of the Coastal Command, while on patrol duty, sighted a U-boat on the surface.

The British plane immediately attacked the submarine and bombs were dropped.

The first bomb struck the U-boat amidships, and about a yard to starboard of the conning-tower.

## FINLAND FIGHTS MAGNIFICENT DEFENSIVE ACTION

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The Finnish ski troops are indulging in guerilla tactics, enabling them to escape with minimum casualties while inflicting many on the enemy.

Soviet aircraft were reported yesterday to have bombed the nickel mines at Konoljoki.

The Finns are reported to be holding their ground at Petsamo, where the Soviet troops were recently considerably reinforced.—Reuter.

## SOVIET REPEATS CLAIM

Moscow, To-day.

A communique reiterates the claim that the Reds have broken through the Mannerheim Line.

The Soviets say they have advanced about seven miles in this sector and from 27 to 45 miles in other sectors.

The communique adds that the weather has prevented air activity.

## SOVIET ATTACK REPULSED

Helsinki, To-day.

A communique states that the Rus-

As the submarine began to sink, another bomb was dropped immediately on top of her.

Some time later, oil and bubbles were seen rising to the surface.—Reuter.

sians continued to attack near Tal-

larenkoki, on the western fringe of Lake Ladoga. The attack was repulsed.

On the eastern frontier the Russians occupied the village of Suomussalmi.

The Russians also occupied the island of Suursaari (Hogland), destroying two villages.

There were no air raids yesterday.

## RED ARMY CONFUSION

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finnish General Staff is not releasing precise details of the campaign, says an official announcement, because reports have been received of great confusion among a number of Russian units and their chaotic system of communication.

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London, To-day.

The International Tin Committee's decision to fix the first quarter quota, at 120 per cent, was reached after consultation with those delegations unable to be present at the meeting.—Reuter.

Szewui, To-day.

While raiding Lingshan, near the Kwangsi border, a Japanese plane was shot down by Chinese anti-aircraft fire. It crashed in flames at Nalunghu in the suburbs and the crew were all killed.—Central News.

Canton, To-day.

Henceforth passengers going to Canton from Macao and Hong Kong must possess Canton \$60 or H.K.\$20, otherwise they will not be allowed to land, according to an announcement by the Japanese gendarmerie.

Passengers will only be allowed personal effects and no merchandise whatever, however small in value.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The Secretary to the Admiralty regrets to announce that H.M.S. Jersey was damaged by a torpedo fired from a U-boat on December 7th. She is now in harbour.

The following casualties were incurred: two officers and eight ratings missing, believed killed, and twelve ratings injured. The Jersey is a destroyer of 1690 tons.—British Wireless.

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Cordell Hull told a press conference yesterday that the State Department was investigating reports that the Mexican Government had expropriated the Mellon oil properties, near Tampico, belonging to the Mexican Gulf Oil Corporation.—Reuter.

Chungking, To-day.

Chinese victories have been reported from the Kwangtung-Fukien border regions. Both Chaochow and Shaoan have been recaptured.

Chinese troops launched a determined attack on Chaochow engaging Japanese troops in the outskirts. The Japanese fell back into the city. The Chinese smashed in, forcing the enemy to flee in confusion by the east and west city gates.

Reports from Foochow state that a strong Chinese force commenced on Wednesday night a fierce assault on Shaoan, the south Fukien border, which was taken by the Japanese on December 1. A night-long battle ensued. The Japanese suffered heavily and withdrew the following morning.—Central News.

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